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"MANIPULATION OF CELLULOSE AND/OR β -1,4-GLUCAN"

The present invention relates generally to isolated genes which encode polypeptides involved in cellulose biosynthesis and transgenic organisms expressing same in sense or antisense orientation, or as ribozymes, co-suppression or gene-targeting molecules. More particularly, the present invention is directed to a nucleic acid molecule isolated from *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Oryza sativa*, wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Gossypium hirsutum* and *Eucalyptus ssp.* which encode an enzyme which is important in cellulose biosynthesis, in particular the cellulose synthase enzyme and homologues, analogues and derivatives thereof and uses of same in the production of transgenic plants expressing altered cellulose biosynthetic properties.

Bibliographic details of the publications referred to by author in this specification are collected at the end of the description. Sequence identity numbers (SEQ ID Nos.) for the nucleotide and amino acid sequences referred to in the specification are defined after the bibliography.

Throughout the specification, unless the context requires otherwise, the word "comprise", or variations such as "comprises" or "comprising" will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated element or integer or group of elements or integers but not the exclusion of any other element or integer or group of elements or integers.

Cellulose, the world's most abundant biopolymer, is the most characteristic component of plant cell walls in so far as it forms much of the structural framework of the cell wall. Cellulose is comprised of crystalline β -1,4-glucan microfibrils. The crystalline microfibrils are extremely strong and resist enzymic and mechanical degradation, an important factor in determining the nutritional quantity, digestibility and palatability of animal and human foodstuffs. As cellulose is also the dominant structural component of industrially-important plant fibres, such as cotton, flax, hemp, jute and the timber crops such as *Eucalyptus ssp.* and *Pinus ssp.*, amongst others, there is considerable economic benefit to be derived from the

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manipulation of cellulose content and/or quantity in plants. In particular, the production of food and fibre crops with altered cellulose content are highly desirable objectives.

5 nucleoside diphosphoglucose such as UDP-glucose, to a pre-existing cellulose chain, catalysed by the enzyme cellulose synthase.

Several attempts to identify the components of the functional cellulose synthase in plants have failed, because levels of β -1,4-glucan or crystalline cellulose produced in such assays have
10 hitherto been too low to permit enzyme purification for protein sequence determination. Insufficient homology between bacterial β -1,4-glucan synthase genes and plant cellulose synthase genes has also prevented the use of hybridisation as an approach to isolating the plant homologues of bacterial β -1,4-glucan (cellulose) synthases.

15 Furthermore, it has not been possible to demonstrate that the cellulose synthase enzyme from plants is the same as, or functionally related to, other purified and characterised enzymes involved in polysaccharide biosynthesis. As a consequence, the cellulose synthase enzyme has not been isolated from plants and, until the present invention, no nucleic acid molecule has been characterised which functionally-encodes a plant cellulose synthase enzyme.

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In work leading up to the present invention, the inventors have generated several novel mutant *Arabidopsis thaliana* plants which are defective in cellulose biosynthesis. The inventors have further isolated a cellulose synthase gene designated *RSW1*, which is involved in cellulose biosynthesis in *Arabidopsis thaliana*, and homologous sequences in *Oryza sativa*,
25 wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Gossypium hirsutum* and *Eucalyptus ssp.* The isolated nucleic acid molecules of the present invention provide the means by which cellulose content and structure may be modified in plants to produce a range of useful fibres suitable for specific industrial purposes, for example increased decay resistance of timber and altered digestibility of foodstuffs, amongst others.

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Accordingly, one aspect of the present invention provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a sequence of nucleotides which encodes, or is complementary to a sequence which encodes a polypeptide of the cellulose biosynthetic pathway or a functional homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

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The nucleic acid molecule of the invention may be derived from a prokaryotic source or a eukaryotic source.

Those skilled in the art will be aware that cellulose production requires not only the presence
10 of a catalytic subunit, but also its activation and organisation into arrays which favour the crystallization of glucan chains. This organisation is radically different between bacteria, which possess linear arrays, and higher plants, which possess hexameric clusters or "rosettes", of glucan chains. The correct organisation and activation of the bacterial enzyme may require many factors which are either not known, or alternatively, not known to be
15 present in plant cells, for example specific membrane lipids to impart an active conformation on the enzyme complex or protein, or the bacterial c-di-GMP activation system. Accordingly, the use of a plant-derived sequence in eukaryotic cells such as plants provides significant advantages compared to the use of bacterially-derived sequences.

20 Accordingly, the present invention does not extend to known genes encoding the catalytic subunit of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* or *Acetobacter xylinum* or *Acetobacter pasteurianus* cellulose synthase, or the use of such known bacterial genes and polypeptides to manipulate cellulose.

25 Preferably, the subject nucleic acid molecule is derived from an eukaryotic organism.

In a more preferred embodiment of the invention, the isolated nucleic acid molecule of the invention encodes a plant cellulose synthase or a catalytic subunit thereof, or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

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More preferably, the isolated nucleic acid molecule encodes a plant cellulose synthase polypeptide which is associated with the primary cell wall of a plant cell. In an alternative preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid molecule of the invention encodes a plant cellulose

5 of a plant cell.

In a more preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid molecule of the invention is a cDNA molecule, genomic clone, mRNA molecule or a synthetic oligonucleotide molecule.

10 In a particularly preferred embodiment, the present invention provides an isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes or is complementary to a nucleic acid molecule which encodes the *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa* (rice), *Eucalyptus ssp.*, *Brassica ssp.* wheat, barley or maize cellulose synthase enzyme or a catalytic subunit thereof or a polypeptide component, homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

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As exemplified herein, the present inventors have identified cellulose biosynthesis genes in maize, wheat, barley, rice, cotton, *Brassica ssp.* and *Eucalyptus ssp.*, in addition to the specific *Arabidopsis thaliana* RSW1 gene sequence which has been shown to be particularly useful for altering cellulose and/or β -1,4-glucan and/or starch levels in cells.

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Hereinafter the term "polypeptide of the cellulose biosynthetic pathway" or similar term shall be taken to refer to a polypeptide or a protein or a part, homologue, analogue or derivative thereof which is involved in one or more of the biosynthetic steps leading to the production of cellulose or any related β -1,4-glucan polymer in plants. In the present context, a
25 polypeptide of the cellulose biosynthetic pathway shall also be taken to include both an active enzyme which contributes to the biosynthesis of cellulose or any related β -1,4-glucan polymer in plants and to a polypeptide component of such an enzyme. As used herein, a polypeptide of the cellulose biosynthetic pathway thus includes cellulose synthase. Those skilled in the art will be aware of other cellulose biosynthetic pathway polypeptides in plants.

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The term "related β -1,4-glucan polymer" shall be taken to include any carbohydrate molecule comprised of a primary structure of β -1,4-linked glucose monomers similar to the structure of the components of the cellulose microfibril, wherein the relative arrangement or relative configuration of the glucan chains may differ from their relative configuration in microfibrils of cellulose. As used herein, a related β -1,4-glucan polymer includes those β -1,4-glucan polymers wherein individual β -1,4-glucan microfibrils are arranged in an anti-parallel or some other relative configuration not found in a cellulose molecule of plants and those non-crystalline β -1,4-glucans described as lacking the resistance to extraction and degradation that characterise cellulose microfibrils.

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The term "cellulose synthase" shall be taken to refer to a polypeptide which is required to catalyse a β -1,4-glucan linkage to a cellulose microfibril.

Reference herein to "gene" is to be taken in its broadest context and includes:

- 15 (i) a classical genomic gene consisting of transcriptional and/or translational regulatory sequences and/or a coding region and/or non-translated sequences (i.e. introns, 5'- and 3'- untranslated sequences); or
- (ii) mRNA or cDNA corresponding to the coding regions (i.e. exons) and 5'- and 3'- untranslated sequences of the gene.

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The term "gene" is also used to describe synthetic or fusion molecules encoding all or part of a functional product.

In the present context, the term "cellulose gene" or "cellulose genetic sequence" or similar term shall be taken to refer to any gene as hereinbefore defined which encodes a polypeptide of the cellulose biosynthetic pathway and includes a cellulose synthase gene.

The term "cellulose synthase gene" shall be taken to refer to any cellulose gene which specifically encodes a polypeptide which is a component of a functional enzyme having cellulose synthase activity i.e. an enzyme which catalyses a β -1,4-glucan linkage to a

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cellulose microfibril.

Preferred cellulose genes may be derived from a naturally-occurring cellulose gene by standard recombinant techniques. Generally, a cellulose gene may be subjected to mutagenesis to produce single or multiple nucleotide substitutions, deletions and/or additions. Nucleotide insertional derivatives of the cellulose synthase gene of the present invention include 5' and 3' terminal fusions as well as intra-sequence insertions of single or multiple nucleotides. Insertional nucleotide sequence variants are those in which one or more nucleotides are introduced into a predetermined site in the nucleotide sequence although random insertion is also possible with suitable screening of the resulting product. Deletional variants are characterised by the removal of one or more nucleotides from the sequence. Substitutional nucleotide variants are those in which at least one nucleotide in the sequence has been removed and a different nucleotide inserted in its place. Such a substitution may be "silent" in that the substitution does not change the amino acid defined by the codon. Alternatively, substituents are designed to alter one amino acid for another similar acting amino acid, or amino acid of like charge, polarity, or hydrophobicity.

As used herein, the term "derived from" shall be taken to indicate that a particular integer or group of integers has originated from the species specified, but has not necessarily been obtained directly from the specified source.

For the present purpose, "homologues" of a nucleotide sequence shall be taken to refer to an isolated nucleic acid molecule which is substantially the same as the nucleic acid molecule of the present invention or its complementary nucleotide sequence, notwithstanding the occurrence within said sequence, of one or more nucleotide substitutions, insertions, deletions, or rearrangements.

"Analogues" of a nucleotide sequence set forth herein shall be taken to refer to an isolated nucleic acid molecule which is substantially the same as a nucleic acid molecule of the present invention or its complementary nucleotide sequence, notwithstanding the occurrence of any

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non-nucleotide constituents not normally present in said isolated nucleic acid molecule, for example carbohydrates, radiochemicals including radionucleotides, reporter molecules such as, but not limited to DIG, alkaline phosphatase or horseradish peroxidase, amongst others.

5 "Derivatives" of a nucleotide sequence set forth herein shall be taken to refer to any isolated nucleic acid molecule which contains significant sequence similarity to said sequence or a part thereof. Generally, the nucleotide sequence of the present invention may be subjected to mutagenesis to produce single or multiple nucleotide substitutions, deletions and/or insertions. Nucleotide insertional derivatives of the nucleotide sequence of the present invention include
10 5' and 3' terminal fusions as well as intra-sequence insertions of single or multiple nucleotides or nucleotide analogues. Insertional nucleotide sequence variants are those in which one or more nucleotides or nucleotide analogues are introduced into a predetermined site in the nucleotide sequence of said sequence, although random insertion is also possible with suitable screening of the resulting product being performed. Deletional variants are
15 characterised by the removal of one or more nucleotides from the nucleotide sequence. Substitutional nucleotide variants are those in which at least one nucleotide in the sequence has been removed and a different nucleotide or nucleotide analogue inserted in its place.

The present invention extends to the isolated nucleic acid molecule when integrated into the
20 genome of a cell as an addition to the endogenous cellular complement of cellulose synthase genes. The said integrated nucleic acid molecule may, or may not, contain promoter sequences to regulate expression of the subject genetic sequence.

The isolated nucleic acid molecule of the present invention may be introduced into and
25 expressed in any cell, for example a plant cell, fungal cell, insect cell, animal cell, yeast cell or bacterial cell. Those skilled in the art will be aware of any modifications which are required to the codon usage or promoter sequences or other regulatory sequences, in order for expression to occur in such cells.

30 Another aspect of the present invention is directed to a nucleic acid molecule which comprises

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a sequence of nucleotides corresponding or complementary to any one or more of the sequences set forth in SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, or 13, or having at least about 40%, more preferably at least about 55%, still more preferably at least about 65%, yet still more preferably at least about 75-80% and even still more preferably at least about 85-95%

According to this aspect of the invention, said nucleic acid molecule encodes, or is complementary to a nucleotide sequence encoding, a polypeptide of the cellulose biosynthetic pathway in a plant or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

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Preferably, a nucleic acid molecule which is at least 40% related to any one or more of the sequences set forth in SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, or 13 comprises a nucleotide sequence which encodes or is complementary to a sequence which encodes a plant cellulose synthase, more preferably a cellulose synthase which is associated with the primary or the
15 secondary plant cell wall of the species from which it has been derived.

Furthermore, the nucleic acid molecule according to this aspect of the invention may be derived from a monocotyledonous or dicotyledonous plant species. In a particularly preferred embodiment, the nucleic acid molecule is derived from *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Oryza sativa*,
20 wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton) or *Eucalyptus ssp.*, amongst others.

For the purposes of nomenclature, the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1 relates to a cellulose gene as hereinbefore defined which comprises a cDNA sequence designated
25 T20782 and which is derived from *Arabidopsis thaliana*. The amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:2 relates to the polypeptide encoded by T20782.

The nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 relates to the nucleotide sequence of the complete *Arabidopsis thaliana* genomic gene *RSW1*, including both intron and exon
30 sequences. The nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 comprises exons 1-14 of the genomic

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gene and includes 2295bp of 5'-untranslated sequences, of which approximately the first 1.9kb comprises *RSW1* promoter sequence (there is a putative TATA box motif at positions 1843-1850 of SEQ ID NO:3). The nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 is derived from the cosmid clone 23H12. This sequence is also the genomic gene equivalent of SEQ ID Nos:1 and 5.

The nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:4 relates to the partial nucleotide sequence of a genomic gene variant of *RSW1*, derived from cosmid clone 12C4. The nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 comprises exon sequence 1-11 and part of exon 12 of the genomic gene sequence and includes 862bp of 5'-untranslated sequences, of which approximately 700 nucleotides comprise *RSW1* promoter sequences (there is a putative TATA box motif at positions 668-673 of SEQ ID NO:4). The genomic gene sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:4 is the equivalent of the cDNA sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:7 (i.e. cDNA clone *Ath-A*).

15 The nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:5 relates to a cellulose gene as hereinbefore defined which comprises a cDNA equivalent of the *Arabidopsis thaliana* *RSW1* gene set forth in SEQ ID NO:3. The amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:6 relates to the polypeptide encoded by the wild-type *RSW1* gene sequences set forth in SEQ ID Nos:3 and 5.

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The nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:7 relates to a cellulose gene as hereinbefore defined which comprises a cDNA equivalent of the *Arabidopsis thaliana* *RSW1* gene set forth in SEQ ID NO:4. The nucleotide sequence is a variant of the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID Nos:3 and 5. The amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:8 relates to the polypeptide encoded by the wild-type *RSW1* gene sequences set forth in SEQ ID Nos:4 and 6.

The nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:9 relates to a cellulose gene as hereinbefore defined which comprises a further wild-type variant of the *Arabidopsis thaliana* *RSW1* gene set forth in SEQ ID Nos:3 and 5. The nucleotide sequence variant is designated *Ath-B*. The

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amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:10 relates to the polypeptide encoded by the wild-type *RSW1* gene sequence set forth in SEQ ID No:9.

The nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:11 relates to a cellulose gene as hereinbefore defined which comprises a cDNA equivalent of the *Arabidopsis thaliana* *rsw1* gene. The *rsw1* gene is a mutant cellulose gene which produces a radial root swelling phenotype as described by Baskin *et al* (1992). The present inventors have shown herein that the *rsw1* gene also produces reduced inflorescence length, reduced fertility, misshapen epidermal cells, reduced cellulose content and the accumulation of non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan, amongst others, when expressed in plant cells. The *rsw1* nucleotide sequence is a further variant of the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID Nos:3 and 5. The amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:12 relates to the *rsw1* polypeptide encoded by the mutant *rsw1* gene sequence set forth in SEQ ID No:11.

15 The nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:13 relates to a cellulose gene as hereinbefore defined which comprises a cDNA equivalent of the *Oryza sativa* *RSW1* or *RSW1*-like gene. The nucleotide sequence is closely-related to the *Arabidopsis thaliana* *RSW1* and *rsw1* nucleotide sequences set forth herein (SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 11). The amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:14 relates to the polypeptide encoded by the *RSW1* or
20 *RSW1*-like gene sequences set forth in SEQ ID No:13.

Those skilled in the art will be aware of procedures for the isolation of further cellulose genes to those specifically described herein, for example further cDNA sequences and genomic gene equivalents, when provided with one or more of the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ
25 ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, or 13. In particular, hybridisations may be performed using one or more nucleic acid hybridisation probes comprising at least 10 contiguous nucleotides and preferably at least 50 contiguous nucleotides derived from the nucleotide sequences set forth herein, to isolate cDNA clones, mRNA molecules, genomic clones from a genomic library (in particular genomic clones containing the entire 5' upstream region of the gene including
30 the promoter sequence, and the entire coding region and 3'-untranslated sequences), and/or

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synthetic oligonucleotide molecules, amongst others. The present invention clearly extends to such related sequences.

The invention further extends to any homologues, analogues or derivatives of any one or 5 more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13.

A further aspect of the present invention contemplates a nucleic acid molecule which encodes or is complementary to a nucleic acid molecule which encodes, a polypeptide which is required for cellulose biosynthesis in a plant, such as cellulose synthase, and which is capable 10 of hybridising under at least low stringency conditions to the nucleic acid molecule set forth in any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13, or to a complementary strand thereof.

As an exemplification of this embodiment, the present inventors have shown that it is possible 15 to isolate variants of the *Arabidopsis thaliana* RSW1 gene sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3, by hybridization under low stringency conditions. Such variants include related sequences derived from *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Eucalyptus* ssp. and *A. thaliana*. Additional variant are clearly encompassed by the present invention.

20 Preferably, the nucleic acid molecule further comprises a nucleotide sequence which encodes, or is complementary to a nucleotide sequence which encodes, a cellulose synthase polypeptide, more preferably a cellulose synthase which is associated with the primary or secondary plant cell wall of the plant species from which said nucleic acid molecule was derived.

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More preferably, the nucleic acid molecule according to this aspect of the invention encodes or is complementary to a nucleic acid molecule which encodes, a polypeptide which is required for cellulose biosynthesis in a plant, such as cellulose synthase, and which is capable of hybridising under at least medium stringency conditions to the nucleic acid molecule set 30 forth in any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13, or to a complementary

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strand thereof.

Even more preferably, the nucleic acid molecule according to this aspect of the invention encodes or is complementary to a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide which is required for cellulose biosynthesis in a plant, such as cellulose synthase, and which is capable of hybridising under at least high stringency conditions to the nucleic acid molecule set forth in any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13, or to a complementary strand thereof.

- 10 For the purposes of defining the level of stringency, a low stringency is defined herein as being a hybridisation and/or a wash carried out in 6xSSC buffer, 0.1% (w/v) SDS at 28°C. Generally, the stringency is increased by reducing the concentration of SSC buffer, and/or increasing the concentration of SDS and/or increasing the temperature of the hybridisation and/or wash. A medium stringency comprises a hybridisation and/or a wash carried out in
- 15 0.2xSSC-2xSSC buffer, 0.1% (w/v) SDS at 42°C to 65°C, while a high stringency comprises a hybridisation and/or a wash carried out in 0.1xSSC-0.2xSSC buffer, 0.1% (w/v) SDS at a temperature of at least 55°C. Conditions for hybridisations and washes are well understood by one normally skilled in the art. For the purposes of further clarification only, reference to the parameters affecting hybridisation between nucleic acid molecules is found in pages
- 20 2.10.8 to 2.10.16. of Ausubel *et al.* (1987), which is herein incorporated by reference.

In an even more preferred embodiment of the invention, the isolated nucleic acid molecule further comprises a sequence of nucleotides which is at least 40% identical to at least 10 contiguous nucleotides derived from any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or

25 13, or a complementary strand thereof.

Still more preferably, the isolated nucleic acid molecule further comprises a sequence of nucleotides which is at least 40% identical to at least 50 contiguous nucleotides derived from the sequence set forth in any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13, or a

30 complementary strand thereof.

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The present invention is particularly directed to a nucleic acid molecule which is capable of functioning as a cellulose gene as hereinbefore defined, for example a cellulose synthase gene such as, but not limited to, the *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Oryza sativa*, wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Gossypium hirsutum* or *Eucalyptus ssp.* cellulose synthase genes. amongst
5 others. The subject invention clearly contemplates additional cellulose genes to those specifically described herein which are derived from these plant species.

The invention further contemplates other sources of cellulose genes such as but not limited to, tissues and cultured cells of plant origin. Preferred plant species according to this
10 embodiment include hemp, jute, flax and woody plants including, but not limited to *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

A genetic sequence which encodes or is complementary to a sequence which encodes a polypeptide which is involved in cellulose biosynthesis may correspond to the naturally
15 occurring sequence or may differ by one or more nucleotide substitutions, deletions and/or additions. Accordingly, the present invention extends to cellulose genes and any functional genes, mutants, derivatives, parts, fragments, homologues or analogues thereof or non-functional molecules but which are at least useful as, for example, genetic probes, or primer sequences in the enzymatic or chemical synthesis of said gene, or in the generation of
20 immunologically interactive recombinant molecules.

In a particularly preferred embodiment, the cellulose genetic sequences are employed to identify and isolate similar genes from plant cells, tissues, or organ types of the same species, or from the cells, tissues, or organs of another plant species.
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According to this embodiment, there is contemplated a method for identifying a related cellulose gene or related cellulose genetic sequence, for example a cellulose synthase or cellulose synthase-like gene, said method comprising contacting genomic DNA, or mRNA, or cDNA with a hybridisation effective amount of a first cellulose genetic sequence
30 comprising any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13, or a complementary

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sequence, homologue, analogue or derivative thereof derived from at least 10 contiguous nucleotides of said first sequence, and then detecting said hybridisation.

~~Preferably, the first genetic sequence comprises at least 50 contiguous nucleotides, even more~~
5 preferably at least 100 contiguous nucleotides and even more preferably at least 500 contiguous nucleotides, derived from any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13, or a complementary strand, homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

The related cellulose gene or related cellulose genetic sequence may be in a recombinant
10 form, in a virus particle, bacteriophage particle, yeast cell, animal cell, or a plant cell. Preferably, the related cellulose gene or related cellulose genetic sequence is derived from a plant species, such as a monocotyledonous plant or a dicotyledonous plant selected from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa* (rice), *Eucalyptus ssp.*, hemp, jute, flax, and woody plants
15 including, but not limited to *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

More preferably, related cellulose gene or related cellulose genetic sequence is derived from a plant which is useful in the fibre or timber industries, for example *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), hemp, jute, flax, *Eucalyptus ssp.* or *Pinus ssp.*, amongst others. Alternatively, the
20 related cellulose gene or related cellulose genetic sequence is derived from a plant which is useful in the cereal or starch industry, for example wheat, barley, rice or maize, amongst others.

In a particularly preferred embodiment, the first cellulose genetic sequence is labelled with
25 a reporter molecule capable of giving an identifiable signal (e.g. a radioisotope such as ³²P or ³⁵S or a biotinylated molecule).

An alternative method contemplated in the present invention involves hybridising two nucleic acid "primer molecules" to a nucleic acid "template molecule" which comprises a related
30 cellulose gene or related cellulose genetic sequence or a functional part thereof, wherein the

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first of said primers comprises contiguous nucleotides derived from any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13 or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof and the second of said primers comprises contiguous nucleotides complementary to any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13. Specific nucleic acid molecule copies of the
5 template molecule are amplified enzymatically in a polymerase chain reaction, a technique that is well known to one skilled in the art.

In a preferred embodiment, each nucleic acid primer molecule is at least 10 nucleotides in length, more preferably at least 20 nucleotides in length, even more preferably at least 30
10 nucleotides in length, still more preferably at least 40 nucleotides in length and even still more preferably at least 50 nucleotides in length.

Furthermore, the nucleic acid primer molecules consists of a combination of any of the nucleotides adenine, cytidine, guanine, thymidine, or inosine, or functional analogues or
15 derivatives thereof which are at least capable of being incorporated into a polynucleotide molecule without having an inhibitory effect on the hybridisation of said primer to the template molecule in the environment in which it is used.

Furthermore, one or both of the nucleic acid primer molecules may be contained in an
20 aqueous mixture of other nucleic acid primer molecules, for example a mixture of degenerate primer sequences which vary from each other by one or more nucleotide substitutions or deletions. Alternatively, one or both of the nucleic acid primer molecules may be in a substantially pure form.

25 The nucleic acid template molecule may be in a recombinant form, in a virus particle, bacteriophage particle, yeast cell, animal cell, or a plant cell. Preferably, the nucleic acid

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template molecule is derived from a plant cell, tissue or organ, in particular a cell, tissue or organ derived from a plant selected from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Oryza sativa*, wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Gossypium hirsutum* and *Eucalyptus ssp.*, hemp, ~~jute, flax, and woody plants including, but not limited to *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea*~~
5 *spp.*, amongst others.

Those skilled in the art will be aware that there are many known variations of the basic polymerase chain reaction procedure, which may be employed to isolate a related cellulose gene or related cellulose genetic sequence when provided with the nucleotide sequences set
10 forth in any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13. Such variations are discussed, for example, in McPherson *et al* (1991). The present invention extends to the use of all such variations in the isolation of related cellulose genes or related cellulose genetic sequences using the nucleotide sequences embodied by the present invention.

15 The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any of the further embodiments may be cloned into a plasmid or bacteriophage molecule, for example to facilitate the preparation of primer molecules or hybridisation probes or for the production of recombinant gene products. Methods for the production of such recombinant plasmids, cosmids, bacteriophage molecules or other recombinant molecules are well-known to those of ordinary skill in the art and can
20 be accomplished without undue experimentation. Accordingly, the invention further extends to any recombinant plasmid, bacteriophage, cosmid or other recombinant molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence set forth in any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13, or a complementary sequence, homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

25 The nucleic acid molecule of the present invention is also useful for developing genetic constructs which express a cellulose genetic sequence, thereby providing for the increased expression of genes involved in cellulose biosynthesis in plants, selected for example from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Oryza sativa*, wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Gossypium hirsutum* and *Eucalyptus ssp.*, hemp, jute, flax, and woody plants including, but
30 not limited to *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea spp.*, amongst others. The present invention

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particularly contemplates the modification of cellulose biosynthesis in cotton, hemp, jute, flax, *Eucalyptus ssp.* and *Pinus ssp.*, amongst others.

The present inventors have discovered that the genetic sequences disclosed herein are capable
5 of being used to modify the level of non-crystalline β -1,4,-glucan, in addition to altering cellulose levels when expressed, particularly when expressed in plants cells. In particular, the *Arabidopsis thaliana* *rsw1* mutant has increased levels of non-crystalline β -1,4,-glucan, when grown at 31°C, compared to wild-type plants, grown under identical conditions. The expression of a genetic sequence described herein in the antisense orientation in transgenic
10 plants grown at only 21°C is shown to reproduce many aspects of the *rsw1* mutant phenotype.

Accordingly, the present invention clearly extends to the modification of non-crystalline β -1,4,-glucan biosynthesis in plants, selected for example from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Oryza sativa*, wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Gossypium hirsutum* and
15 *Eucalyptus ssp.*, hemp, jute, flax, and woody plants including, but not limited to *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea ssp.*, amongst others. The present invention particularly contemplates the modification of non-crystalline β -1,4,-glucan biosynthesis in cotton, hemp, jute, flax, *Eucalyptus ssp.* and *Pinus ssp.*, amongst others.

20 The present invention further extends to the production and use of non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan and to the use of the glucan to modify the properties of plant cell walls or cotton fibres or wood fibres. Such modified properties are described herein (Example 13).

The inventors have discovered that the *rsw1* mutant has altered carbon partitioning compared
25 to wild-type plants, resulting in significantly higher starch levels therein. The isolated nucleic acid molecules provided herein are further useful for altering the carbon partitioning in a cell. In particular, the present invention contemplates increased starch production in transgenic plants expressing the nucleic acid molecule of the invention in the antisense orientation or alternatively, expressing a ribozyme or co-suppression molecule comprising the nucleic acid
30 sequence of the invention.

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The invention further contemplates reduced starch and/or non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan product in transgenic plants expressing the nucleic acid molecule of the invention in the sense orientation such that cellulose production is increased therein.

5 Wherein it is desired to increase cellulose production in a plant cell, the coding region of a cellulose gene is placed operably behind a promoter, in the sense orientation, such that a cellulose gene product is capable of being expressed under the control of said promoter sequence. In a preferred embodiment, the cellulose genetic sequence is a cellulose synthase genomic sequence, cDNA molecule or protein-coding sequence.

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In a particularly preferred embodiment, the cellulose genetic sequence comprises a sequence of nucleotides substantially the same as the sequence set forth in any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13 or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

15 Wherein it is desirable to reduce the content of cellulose or to increase the content of non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan, the nucleic acid molecule of the present invention is expressed in the antisense orientation under the control of a suitable promoter. Additionally, the nucleic acid molecule of the invention is also useful for developing ribozyme molecules, or in co-suppression of a cellulose gene. The expression of an antisense, ribozyme or co-suppression
20 molecule comprising a cellulose gene, in a cell such as a plant cell, fungal cell, insect cell, animal cell, yeast cell or bacterial cell, may also increase the solubility, digestibility or extractability of metabolites from plant tissues or alternatively, or increase the availability of carbon as a precursor for any secondary metabolite other than cellulose (e.g. starch or sucrose). By targeting the endogenous cellulose gene, expression is diminished, reduced or
25 otherwise lowered to a level that results in reduced deposition of cellulose in the primary or secondary cell walls of the plant cell, fungal cell, insect cell, animal cell, yeast cell or bacterial cell, and more particularly, a plant cell. Additionally, or alternatively, the content of non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan is increased in such cells.

30 Co-suppression is the reduction in expression of an endogenous gene that occurs when one

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or more copies of said gene, or one or more copies of a substantially similar gene are introduced into the cell. The present invention also extends to the use of co-suppression to inhibit the expression of a gene which encodes a cellulose gene product, such as but not limited to cellulose synthase. Preferably, the co-suppression molecule of the present invention targets a plant mRNA molecule which encodes a cellulose synthase enzyme, for example a plant, fungus, or bacterial cellulose synthase mRNA, and more preferably a plant mRNA derived from *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Oryza sativa*, wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Gossypium hirsutum* and *Eucalyptus ssp.*, hemp, jute, flax, or a woody plant such as *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, or *Picea ssp.*, amongst others.

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In a particularly preferred embodiment, the gene which is targeted by a co-suppression molecule, comprises a sequence of nucleotides set forth in any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13, or a complement, homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

15 In the context of the present invention, an antisense molecule is an RNA molecule which is transcribed from the complementary strand of a nuclear gene to that which is normally transcribed to produce a "sense" mRNA molecule capable of being translated into a polypeptide component of the cellulose biosynthetic pathway. The antisense molecule is therefore complementary to the mRNA transcribed from a sense cellulose gene or a part thereof. Although not limiting the mode of action of the antisense molecules of the present invention to any specific mechanism, the antisense RNA molecule possesses the capacity to form a double-stranded mRNA by base pairing with the sense mRNA, which may prevent translation of the sense mRNA and subsequent synthesis of a polypeptide gene product.

25 Preferably, the antisense molecule of the present invention targets a plant mRNA molecule which encodes a cellulose gene product, for example cellulose synthase. Preferably, the antisense molecule of the present invention targets a plant mRNA molecule which encodes a cellulose synthase enzyme, for example a plant mRNA derived from *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Oryza sativa*, wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Gossypium hirsutum* and *Eucalyptus ssp.*,
30 hemp, jute, flax, or a woody plant such as *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, or *Picea ssp.*, amongst

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others.

In a particularly preferred embodiment, the antisense molecule of the invention targets an mRNA molecule encoded by any one or more of SEQ ID Nos: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13, or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

Ribozymes are synthetic RNA molecules which comprise a hybridising region complementary to two regions, each of at least 5 contiguous nucleotide bases in the target sense mRNA. In addition, ribozymes possess highly specific endoribonuclease activity, which autocatalytically cleaves the target sense mRNA. A complete description of the function of ribozymes is presented by Haseloff and Gerlach (1988) and contained in International Patent Application No. WO89/05852.

The present invention extends to ribozyme which target a sense mRNA encoding a cellulose gene product, thereby hybridising to said sense mRNA and cleaving it, such that it is no longer capable of being translated to synthesise a functional polypeptide product. Preferably, the ribozyme molecule of the present invention targets a plant mRNA molecule which encodes a cellulose synthase enzyme, for example a plant mRNA derived from *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa* (rice), *Eucalyptus ssp.*, hemp, jute, flax, or a woody plant such as *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, or *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

In a particularly preferred embodiment, the ribozyme molecule will target an mRNA encoded by any one or more of SEQ ID Nos: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13, or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

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According to this embodiment, the present invention provides a ribozyme or antisense molecule comprising at least 5 contiguous nucleotide bases derived from any one or more of SEQ ID Nos: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13, or a complementary nucleotide sequence or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof, wherein said antisense or ribozyme molecule is able to form a hydrogen-bonded complex with a sense mRNA encoding a cellulose gene

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product to reduce translation thereof.

In a preferred embodiment, the antisense or ribozyme molecule comprises at least 10 to 20 contiguous nucleotides derived from any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or
5 13, or a complementary nucleotide sequence or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof. Although the preferred antisense and/or ribozyme molecules hybridise to at least about 10 to 20 nucleotides of the target molecule, the present invention extends to molecules capable of hybridising to at least about 50-100 nucleotide bases in length, or a molecule capable of hybridising to a full-length or substantially full-length mRNA encoded by a cellulose gene,
10 such as a cellulose synthase gene.

Those skilled in the art will be aware of the necessary conditions, if any, for selecting or preparing the antisense or ribozyme molecules of the invention.

15 It is understood in the art that certain modifications, including nucleotide substitutions amongst others, may be made to the antisense and/or ribozyme molecules of the present invention, without destroying the efficacy of said molecules in inhibiting the expression of a gene encoding a cellulose gene product such as cellulose synthase. It is therefore within the scope of the present invention to include any nucleotide sequence variants, homologues,
20 analogues, or fragments of the said gene encoding same, the only requirement being that said nucleotide sequence variant, when transcribed, produces an antisense and/or ribozyme molecule which is capable of hybridising to a sense mRNA molecule which encodes a cellulose gene product.

25 Gene targeting is the replacement of an endogenous gene sequence within a cell by a related DNA sequence to which it hybridises, thereby altering the form and/or function of the endogenous gene and the subsequent phenotype of the cell. According to this embodiment, at least a part of the DNA sequence defined by any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13, or a related cellulose genetic sequence, may be introduced into target cells
30 containing an endogenous cellulose gene, thereby replacing said endogenous cellulose gene.

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According to this embodiment, the polypeptide product of said cellulose genetic sequence possesses different catalytic activity and/or expression characteristics, producing in turn modified cellulose deposition in the target cell. In a particularly preferred embodiment of the invention, the endogenous cellulose gene of a plant is replaced with a gene which is merely
5 capable of producing non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan polymers or alternatively which is capable of producing a modified cellulose having properties similar to synthetic fibres such as rayon, in which the β -1,4-glucan polymers are arranged in an antiparallel configuration relative to one another.

- 10 The present invention extends to genetic constructs designed to facilitate expression of a cellulose genetic sequence which is identical, or complementary to the sequence set forth in any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13, or a functional derivative, part, homologue, or analogue thereof, or a genetic construct designed to facilitate expression of a sense molecule, an antisense molecule, ribozyme molecule, co-suppression molecule, or
15 gene targeting molecule containing said genetic sequence.

The said genetic construct of the present invention comprises the foregoing sense, antisense, or ribozyme, or co-suppression nucleic acid molecule, or gene-targeting molecule, placed operably under the control of a promoter sequence capable of regulating the expression of the
20 said nucleic acid molecule in a prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell, preferably a plant cell. The said genetic construct optionally comprises, in addition to a promoter and sense, or antisense, or ribozyme, or co-suppression, or gene-targeting nucleic acid molecule, a terminator sequence.

- 25 The term "terminator" refers to a DNA sequence at the end of a transcriptional unit which signals termination of transcription. Terminators are 3'-non-translated DNA sequences containing a polyadenylation signal, which facilitates the addition of polyadenylate sequences to the 3'-end of a primary transcript. Terminators active in plant cells are known and described in the literature. They may be isolated from bacteria, fungi, viruses, animals
30 and/or plants. Examples of terminators particularly suitable for use in the genetic constructs

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of the present invention include the nopaline synthase (NOS) gene terminator of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*, the terminator of the Cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV) 35S gene, and the *zein* gene terminator from *Zea mays*.

5 Reference herein to a "promoter" is to be taken in its broadest context and includes the transcriptional regulatory sequences of a classical genomic gene, including the TATA box which is required for accurate transcription initiation, with or without a CCAAT box sequence and additional regulatory elements (i.e. upstream activating sequences, enhancers and silencers) which alter gene expression in response to developmental and/or external
10 stimuli, or in a tissue-specific manner. A promoter is usually, but not necessarily, positioned upstream or 5', of a structural gene, the expression of which it regulates. Furthermore, the regulatory elements comprising a promoter are usually positioned within 2 kb of the start site of transcription of the gene.

15 In the present context, the term "promoter" is also used to describe a synthetic or fusion molecule, or derivative which confers, activates or enhances expression of said sense, antisense, or ribozyme, or co-suppression nucleic acid molecule, in a plant cell. Preferred promoters may contain additional copies of one or more specific regulatory elements, to further enhance expression of a sense antisense, ribozyme or co-suppression molecule and/or
20 to alter the spatial expression and/or temporal expression of said sense or antisense, or ribozyme, or co-suppression, or gene-targeting molecule. For example, regulatory elements which confer copper inducibility may be placed adjacent to a heterologous promoter sequence driving expression of a sense, or antisense, or ribozyme, or co-suppression, or gene-targeting molecule, thereby conferring copper inducibility on the expression of said molecule.

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Placing a sense or ribozyme, or antisense, or co-suppression, or gene-targeting molecule under the regulatory control of a promoter sequence means positioning the said molecule such that expression is controlled by the promoter sequence. Promoters are generally positioned 5' (upstream) to the genes that they control. In the construction of heterologous
30 promoter/structural gene combinations it is generally preferred to position the promoter at a

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distance from the gene transcription start site that is approximately the same as the distance between that promoter and the gene it controls in its natural setting, i.e., the gene from which the promoter is derived. As is known in the art, some variation in this distance can be

known to affect promoter function. Similarly, the preferred positioning of a
5 regulatory sequence element with respect to a heterologous gene to be placed under its control is defined by the positioning of the element in its natural setting, i.e., the genes from which it is derived. Again, as is known in the art, some variation in this distance can also occur.

Examples of promoters suitable for use in genetic constructs of the present invention include
10 viral, fungal, bacterial, animal and plant derived promoters capable of functioning in prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells. Preferred promoters are those capable of regulating the expression of the subject cellulose genes of the invention in plant cells, fungal cells, insect cells, yeast cells, animal cells or bacterial cells, amongst others. Particularly preferred promoters are capable of regulating expression of the subject nucleic acid molecules in plant
15 cells. The promoter may regulate the expression of the said molecule constitutively, or differentially with respect to the tissue in which expression occurs or, with respect to the developmental stage at which expression occurs, or in response to external stimuli such as physiological stresses, or plant pathogens, or metal ions, amongst others. Preferably, the promoter is capable of regulating expression of a sense, or ribozyme, or antisense, or co-
20 suppression molecule or gene targeting, in a plant cell. Examples of preferred promoters include the CaMV 35S promoter, NOS promoter, octopine synthase (OCS) promoter and the like.

In a most preferred embodiment, the promoter is capable of expression in any plant cell, such
25 as, but not limited to a plant selected from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Oryza sativa*, wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Gossypium hirsutum* and *Eucalyptus ssp.*, hemp, jute, flax, and woody plants including, but not limited to *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

30 In a particularly preferred embodiment, the promoter may be derived from a genomic clone

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encoding a cellulose gene product, in particular the promoter contained in the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4. Preferably, the promoter sequence comprises nucleotide 1 to about 1900 of SEQ ID NO:3 or nucleotides 1 to about 700 of SEQ ID NO:4 or a homologue, analogue or derivative capable of hybridizing thereto under at least low stringency conditions.

Optionally, the genetic construct of the present invention further comprises a terminator sequence.

10 In an exemplification of this embodiment, there is provided a binary genetic construct comprising the isolated nucleotide sequence of nucleotides set forth in SEQ ID NO:3. There is also provided a genetic construct comprising the isolated nucleotide sequence of nucleotides set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, in the antisense orientation, placed operably in connection with the CaMV 35S promoter.

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In the present context, the term "in operable connection with" means that expression of the isolated nucleotide sequence is under the control of the promoter sequence with which it is connected, regardless of the relative physical distance of the sequences from each other or their relative orientation with respect to each other.

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An alternative embodiment of the invention is directed to a genetic construct comprising a promoter or functional derivative, part, fragment, homologue, or analogue thereof, which is capable of directing the expression of a polypeptide early in the development of a plant cell at a stage when the cell wall is developing, such as during cell expansion or during cell division. In a particularly preferred embodiment, the promoter is contained in the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4. Preferably, the promoter sequence comprises nucleotide 1 to about 1900 of SEQ ID NO:3 or nucleotides 1 to about 700 of SEQ ID NO:4 or a homologue, analogue or derivative capable of hybridizing thereto under at least low stringency conditions.

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The polypeptide may be a reporter molecule which is encoded by a gene such as the bacterial β -glucuronidase gene or chloramphenicol acetyltransferase gene or alternatively, the firefly luciferase gene. Alternatively, the polypeptide may be encoded by a gene which is capable of producing a modified cellulose in the plant cell when placed in combination with the

normal complement of cellulose genes which are expressed therein. For example, it may be a cellulose-like gene obtained from a bacterial or fungal source or a cellulose gene obtained from a plant source.

The genetic constructs of the present invention are particularly useful in the production of crop plants with altered cellulose content or structure. In particular, the rate of cellulose deposition may be reduced leading to a reduction in the total cellulose content of plants by transferring one or more of the antisense, ribozyme or co-suppression molecules described *supra* into a plant or alternatively, the same or similar end-result may be achieved by replacing an endogenous cellulose gene with an inactive or modified cellulose gene using gene-targeting approaches. The benefits to be derived from reducing cellulose content in plants are especially apparent in food and fodder crops such as, but not limited to maize, wheat, barley, rye, rice, barley, millet or sorghum, amongst others where improved digestibility of said crop is desired. The foregoing antisense, ribozyme or co-suppression molecules are also useful in producing plants with altered carbon partitioning such that increased carbon is available for growth, rather than deposited in the form of cellulose.

Alternatively, the introduction to plants of additional copies of a cellulose gene in the 'sense' orientation and under the control of a strong promoter is useful for the production of plants with increased cellulose content or more rapid rates of cellulose biosynthesis. Accordingly, such plants may exhibit a range of desired traits including, but not limited to modified strength and/or shape and/or properties of fibres, cell and plants, increased protection against chemical, physical or environmental stresses such as dehydration, heavy metals (e.g. cadmium) cold, heat or wind, increased resistance to attack by pathogens such as insects, nematodes and the like which physically penetrate the cell wall barrier during invasion/infection of the plant.

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Alternatively, the production of plants with altered physical properties is made possible by the introduction thereto of altered cellulose gene(s). Such plants may produce β -1,4-glucan which is either non-crystalline or shows altered crystallinity. Such plants may also exhibit a range of desired traits including but not limited to, altered dietary fibre content, altered digestibility and degradability or producing plants with altered extractability properties.

Furthermore, genetic constructs comprising a plant cellulose gene in the 'sense' orientation may be used to complement the existing range of cellulose genes present in a plant, thereby altering the composition or timing of deposition of cellulose deposited in the cell wall of said plant. In a preferred embodiment, the cellulose gene from one plant species or a β -1,4-glucan synthase gene from a non-plant species is used to transform a plant of a different species, thereby introducing novel cellulose biosynthetic metabolism to the second-mentioned plant species.

In a related embodiment, a recombinant fusion polypeptide may be produced containing the active site from one cellulose gene product fused to another cellulose gene product, wherein said fusion polypeptide exhibits novel catalytic properties compared to either 'parent' polypeptide from which it is derived. Such fusion polypeptides may be produced by conventional recombinant DNA techniques known to those skilled in the art, either by introducing a recombinant DNA capable of expressing the entire fusion polypeptide into said plant or alternatively, by a gene-targeting approach in which recombination at the DNA level occurs *in vivo* and the resultant gene is capable of expressing a recombinant fusion polypeptide.

The present invention extends to all transgenic methods and products described *supra*, including genetic constructs.

The recombinant DNA molecule carrying the sense, antisense, ribozyme or co-suppression molecule of the present invention and/or genetic construct comprising the same, may be introduced into plant tissue, thereby producing a "transgenic plant", by various techniques

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known to those skilled in the art. The technique used for a given plant species or specific type of plant tissue depends on the known successful techniques. Means for introducing recombinant DNA into plant tissue include, but are not limited to, transformation (Crossway *et al.*, 1984), electroporation (Fromm *et al.*, 1985), or microinjection of the DNA (Crossway *et al.*, 1986), or T-DNA-mediated transfer from *Agrobacterium* to the plant tissue. Representative T-DNA vector systems are described in the following references: An *et al.* (1985); Herrera-Estrella *et al.* (1983a,b); Herrera-Estrella *et al.* (1985). Once introduced into the plant tissue, the expression of the introduced gene may be assayed in a transient expression system, or it may be determined after selection for stable integration within the plant genome. Techniques are known for the *in vitro* culture of plant tissue, and in a number of cases, for regeneration into whole plants. Procedures for transferring the introduced gene from the originally transformed plant into commercially useful cultivars are known to those skilled in the art.

A still further aspect of the present invention extends to a transgenic plant such as a crop plant, carrying the foregoing sense, antisense, ribozyme, co-suppression, or gene-targeting molecule and/or genetic constructs comprising the same. Preferably, the transgenic plant is one or more of the following: *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Oryza sativa*, wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Gossypium hirsutum* and *Eucalyptus ssp.*, hemp, jute, flax, *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, or *Picea spp.* Additional species are not excluded.

The present invention further extends to the progeny of said transgenic plant.

Yet another aspect of the present invention provides for the expression of the subject genetic sequence in a suitable host (e.g. a prokaryote or eukaryote) to produce full length or non-full length recombinant cellulose gene products.

Hereinafter the term "cellulose gene product" shall be taken to refer to a recombinant product of a cellulose gene as hereinbefore defined. Accordingly, the term "cellulose gene product" includes a polypeptide product of any gene involved in the cellulose biosynthetic pathway in

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plants, such as, but not limited to a cellulose synthase gene product.

Preferably, the recombinant cellulose gene product comprises an amino acid sequence having the catalytic activity of a cellulose synthase polypeptide or a functional mutant, derivative
5 part, fragment, or analogue thereof.

In a particularly preferred embodiment of the invention, the recombinant cellulose gene product comprises a sequence or amino acids that is at least 40% identical to any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:2, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14, or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

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Single and three-letter abbreviations used for amino acid residues contained in the specification are provided in Table 1.

In the present context, "homologues" of an amino acid sequence refer to those polypeptides,
15 enzymes or proteins which have a similar catalytic activity to the amino acid sequences described herein, notwithstanding any amino acid substitutions, additions or deletions thereto. A homologue may be isolated or derived from the same or another plant species as the species from which the polypeptides of the invention are derived.

20 "Analogues" encompass polypeptides of the invention notwithstanding the occurrence of any non-naturally occurring amino acid analogues therein.

"Derivatives" include modified peptides in which ligands are attached to one or more of the amino acid residues contained therein, such as carbohydrates, enzymes, proteins, polypeptides
25 or reporter molecules such as radionuclides or fluorescent compounds. Glycosylated, fluorescent, acylated or alkylated forms of the subject peptides are particularly contemplated by the present invention. Additionally, derivatives of an amino acid sequence described herein which comprises fragments or parts of the subject amino acid sequences are within the scope of the invention, as are homopolymers or heteropolymers comprising two or more
30 copies of the subject polypeptides. Procedures for derivatizing peptides are well-known in the

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art.

TABLE 1

| | | Abbreviation | Symbol |
|----|----------------|--------------|--------|
| 5 | Alanine | Ala | A |
| | Arginine | Arg | R |
| | Asparagine | Asn | N |
| | Aspartic acid | Asp | D |
| | Cysteine | Cys | C |
| 10 | D-alanine | Dal | X |
| | Glutamine | Gln | Q |
| | Glutamic acid | Glu | E |
| | Glycine | Gly | G |
| | Histidine | His | H |
| 15 | Isoleucine | Ile | I |
| | Leucine | Leu | L |
| | Lysine | Lys | K |
| | Methionine | Met | M |
| | Phenylalanine | Phe | F |
| 20 | Proline | Pro | P |
| | Serine | Ser | S |
| | Threonine | Thr | T |
| | Tryptophan | Trp | W |
| | Tyrosine | Tyr | Y |
| 25 | Valine | Val | V |
| | Any amino acid | Xaa | X |

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Substitutions encompass amino acid alterations in which an amino acid is replaced with a different naturally-occurring or a non-conventional amino acid residue. Such substitutions may be classified as "conservative", in which an amino acid residue contained in a cellulose gene product is replaced with another naturally-occurring amino acid of similar character, for example Gly↔Ala, Val↔Ile↔Leu, Asp↔Glu, Lys↔Arg, Asn↔Gln or Phe↔Trp↔Tyr.

Substitutions encompassed by the present invention may also be "non-conservative", in which an amino acid residue which is present in a cellulose gene product described herein is substituted with an amino acid with different properties, such as a naturally-occurring amino acid from a different group (eg. substituted a charged or hydrophobic amino acid with alanine), or alternatively, in which a naturally-occurring amino acid is substituted with a non-conventional amino acid.

Non-conventional amino acids encompassed by the invention include, but are not limited to those listed in Table 2.

Amino acid substitutions are typically of single residues, but may be of multiple residues, either clustered or dispersed.

Amino acid deletions will usually be of the order of about 1-10 amino acid residues, while insertions may be of any length. Deletions and insertions may be made to the N-terminus, the C-terminus or be internal deletions or insertions. Generally, insertions within the amino acid sequence will be smaller than amino- or carboxy-terminal fusions and of the order of 1-4 amino acid residues.

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A homologue, analogue or derivative of a cellulose gene product as referred to herein may readily be made using peptide synthetic techniques well-known in the art, such as solid phase peptide synthesis and the like, or by recombinant DNA manipulations. Techniques for making substituent mutations at pre-determined sites using recombinant DNA technology, for example by M13 mutagenesis, are also well-known. The manipulation of nucleic acid

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molecules to produce variant peptides, polypeptides or proteins which manifest as substitutions, insertions or deletions are well-known in the art.

The cellulose gene products described herein may be derivatized further by the inclusion or attachment thereto of a protective group which prevents, minimizes or slows proteolysis or cellular degradative processes. Such derivatization may be useful where the half-life of the subject polypeptide is required to be extended, for ample to increase the amount of cellulose produced in a primary or secondary cell wall of a plant cell or alternatively, to increase the amount of protein produced in a bacterial or eukaryotic expression system. Examples of chemical groups suitable for this purpose include, but are not limited to, any of the non-conventional amino acid residues listed in Table 2, in particular a D-stereoisomer or a methylated form of a naturally-occurring amino acid listed in Table 1. Additional chemical groups which are useful for this purpose are selected from the list comprising aryl or heterocyclic N-acyl substituents, polyalkylene oxide moieties, desulphatohirudin muteins, alpha-muteins, alpha-aminophosphonic acids, water-soluble polymer groups such as polyethylene glycol attached to sugar residues using hydrazone or oxime groups, benzodiazepine dione derivatives, glycosyl groups such as beta-glycosylamine or a derivative thereof, isocyanate conjugated to a polyol functional group or polyoxyethylene polyol capped with diisocyanate, amongst others. Similarly, a cellulose gene product or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof may be cross-linked or fused to itself or to a protease inhibitor peptide, to reduce susceptibility of said molecule to proteolysis.

TABLE 2

| Non-conventional amino acid | Code | Non-conventional amino acid | Code |
|---|-------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 5 | | | |
| α -aminobutyric acid | Abu | L-N-methylalanine | Nmala |
| α -amino- α -methylbutyrate | Mgab | L-N-methylarginine | Nmarg |
| aminocyclopropane- carboxylate | Cpro | L-N-methylasparagine | Nmasn |
| 10 aminoisobutyric acid | Aib | L-N-methylaspartic acid | Nmasp |
| aminonorbornyl- carboxylate | Norb | L-N-methylcysteine | Nmcys |
| cyclohexylalanine | Chexa | L-N-methylglutamine | Nmgln |
| cyclopentylalanine | Cpen | L-N-methylglutamic acid | Nmglu |
| 15 D-alanine | Dal | L-N-methylhistidine | Nmhis |
| D-arginine | Darg | L-N-methylisoleucine | Nmile |
| D-aspartic acid | Das | L-N-methylleucine | Nmleu |
| D-cysteine | Dcys | L-N-methyllysine | Nmlys |
| D-glutamine | Dgln | L-N-methylmethionine | Nmmet |
| 20 D-glutamic acid | Dglu | L-N-methylnorleucine | Nmnle |
| D-histidine | Dhis | L-N-methylnorvaline | Nmnva |
| D-isoleucine | Dile | L-N-methylornithine | Nmorn |
| D-leucine | Dleu | L-N-methylphenylalanine | Nmphe |
| D-lysine | Dlys | L-N-methylproline | Nmpro |
| 25 D-methionine | Dmet | L-N-methylserine | Nmser |
| D-ornithine | Dorn | L-N-methylthreonine | Nmthr |
| D-phenylalanine | Dphe | L-N-methyltryptophan | Nmtrp |
| D-proline | Dpro | L-N-methyltyrosine | Nmtyr |
| D-serine | Dser | L-N-methylvaline | Nmval |
| 30 D-threonine | Dthr | L-N-methylethylglycine | Nmetg |
| | | L-N-methyl-t-butylglycine | Nmtbug |
| | | L-norleucine | Nle |

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| | D-tryptophan | Dtrp | L-norvaline | Nva |
| | D-tyrosine | Dtyr | α -methyl-aminoisobutyrate | Maib |
| | D-valine | Dval | α -methyl- γ -aminobutyrate | Mgabv |
| | D- α -methylalanine | Dmala | α -methylcyclohexylalanine | Mchexa |
| 5 | D- α -methylarginine | Dmarg | α -methyl- γ -aminobutyrate | Mgabv |
| | D- α -methylasparagine | Dmasn | α -methyl- α -naphthylalanine | Manap |
| | D- α -methylaspartate | Dmasp | α -methylpenicillamine | Mpen |
| | D- α -methylcysteine | Dmcys | N-(4-aminobutyl)glycine | Nglu |
| | D- α -methylglutamine | Dmgln | N-(2-aminoethyl)glycine | Naeg |
| 10 | D- α -methylhistidine | Dmhis | N-(3-aminopropyl)glycine | Norn |
| | D- α -methylisoleucine | Dmile | N-amino- α -methylbutyrate | Nmaabu |
| | D- α -methylleucine | Dmleu | α -naphthylalanine | Anap |
| | D- α -methyllysine | Dmlys | N-benzylglycine | Nphe |
| | D- α -methylmethionine | Dmmet | N-(2-carbamylethyl)glycine | Ngln |
| 15 | D- α -methylornithine | Dmorn | N-(carbamylmethyl)glycine | Nasn |
| | D- α -methylphenylalanine | Dmphe | N-(2-carboxyethyl)glycine | Nglu |
| | D- α -methylproline | Dmpro | N-(carboxymethyl)glycine | Nasp |
| | D- α -methylserine | Dmser | N-cyclobutylglycine | Ncbut |
| | D- α -methylthreonine | Dmthr | N-cycloheptylglycine | Nchep |
| 20 | D- α -methyltryptophan | Dmtrp | N-cyclohexylglycine | Nchex |
| | D- α -methyltyrosine | Dmtty | N-cyclodecylglycine | Ncdec |
| | D- α -methylvaline | Dmval | N-cylcododecylglycine | Ncdod |
| | D-N-methylalanine | Dnmala | N-cyclooctylglycine | Ncoct |
| | D-N-methylarginine | Dnmarg | N-cyclopropylglycine | Ncpro |
| 25 | D-N-methylasparagine | Dnmasn | N-cycloundecylglycine | Ncund |
| | D-N-methylaspartate | Dnmasp | N-(2,2-diphenylethyl)glycine | Nbhm |
| | D-N-methylcysteine | Dnmcys | N-(3,3-diphenylpropyl)glycine | Nbhe |
| | D-N-methylglutamine | Dnmgln | N-(3-guanidinopropyl)glycine | Narg |
| | D-N-methylglutamate | Dnmglu | N-(1-hydroxyethyl)glycine | Nthr |
| 30 | D-N-methylhistidine | Dnmhis | N-(hydroxyethyl)glycine | Nser |

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|----|----------------------------------|---------|---|--------|
| | D-N-methylisoleucine | Dnmile | N-(imidazolylethyl)glycine | Nhis |
| | D-N-methylleucine | Dnmleu | N-(3-indolylethyl)glycine | Nhtrp |
| | D-N-methyllysine | Dnmlys | N-methyl- γ -aminobutyrate | Nmgabu |
| | N-methylcyclohexylalanine | Nmchexa | D-N-methylmethionine | Dnmmt |
| 5 | D-N-methylornithine | Dnmorn | N-methylcyclopentylalanine | Nmcpen |
| | N-methylglycine | Nala | D-N-methylphenylalanine | Dnmphe |
| | N-methylaminoisobutyrate | Nmaib | D-N-methylproline | Dnmpro |
| | N-(1-methylpropyl)glycine | Nile | D-N-methylserine | Dnmser |
| | N-(2-methylpropyl)glycine | Nleu | D-N-methylthreonine | Dnmthr |
| 10 | D-N-methyltryptophan | Dnmtrp | N-(1-methylethyl)glycine | Nval |
| | D-N-methyltyrosine | Dnmtyr | N-methyl- α -naphthylalanine | Nmanap |
| | D-N-methylvaline | Dnmval | N-methylpenicillamine | Nmpen |
| | γ -aminobutyric acid | Gabu | N-(<i>p</i> -hydroxyphenyl)glycine | Nhtyr |
| | L- <i>t</i> -butylglycine | Tbug | N-(thiomethyl)glycine | Ncys |
| 15 | L-ethylglycine | Etg | penicillamine | Pen |
| | L-homophenylalanine | Hphe | L- α -methylalanine | Mala |
| | L- α -methylarginine | Marg | L- α -methylasparagine | Masn |
| | L- α -methylaspartate | Masp | L- α -methyl- <i>t</i> -butylglycine | Mtbug |
| | L- α -methylcysteine | Mcys | L-methylethylglycine | Metg |
| 20 | L- α -methylglutamine | Mgln | L- α -methylglutamate | Mglu |
| | L- α -methylhistidine | Mhis | L- α -methylhomophenylalanine | Mhphe |
| | L- α -methylisoleucine | Mile | N-(2-methylthioethyl)glycine | Nmet |
| | L- α -methylleucine | Mleu | L- α -methyllysine | Mlys |
| | L- α -methylmethionine | Mmet | L- α -methylnorleucine | Mnle |
| 25 | L- α -methylnorvaline | Mnva | L- α -methylornithine | Morn |
| | L- α -methylphenylalanine | Mphe | L- α -methylproline | Mpro |
| | L- α -methylserine | Mser | L- α -methylthreonine | Mthr |
| | L- α -methyltryptophan | Mtrp | L- α -methyltyrosine | Mtyr |
| | L- α -methylvaline | Mval | L-N-methylhomophenylalanine | Nmhph |

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| N-(N-(2,2-diphenylethyl) | Nnbhm | N-(N-(3,3-diphenylpropyl) | Nnbhe |
| carbamylmethyl)glycine | | carbamylmethyl)glycine | |
| 1-carboxy-1-(2,2-diphenyl- | Nmbc | | |
| ethylamine)evulopronane | | | |

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In an alternative embodiment of the invention, the recombinant cellulose gene product is characterised by at least one functional β -glycosyl transferase domain contained therein.

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The term " β -glycosyl transferase domain" as used herein refers to a sequence of amino acids which is highly conserved in different processive enzymes belonging to the class of glycosyl transferase enzymes (Saxena *et al.*, 1995), for example the bacterial β -1,4-glycosyl transferase enzymes and plant cellulose synthase enzymes amongst others, wherein said domain possesses a putative function in contributing to or maintaining the overall catalytic activity, substrate specificity or substrate binding of an enzyme in said enzyme class. The β -glycosyl transferase domain is recognisable by the occurrence of certain amino acid residues at particular locations in a polypeptide sequence, however there is no stretch of contiguous amino acid residues comprised therein.

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As a consequence of the lack of contiguity in a β -glycosyl transferase domain, it is not a straightforward matter to isolate a cellulose gene by taking advantage of the presence of a β -glycosyl transferase domain in the polypeptide encoded by said gene. For example, the β -glycosyl transferase domain would not be easily utilisable as a probe to facilitate the rapid isolation of all β -glycosyl transferase genetic sequences from a particular organism and then to isolate from those genetic sequences a cellulose gene such as cellulose synthase.

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In a preferred embodiment, the present invention provides an isolated polypeptide which:

- (i) contains at least one structural β -glycosyl transferase domain as hereinbefore defined; and

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(ii) has at least 40% amino acid sequence similarity to at least 20 contiguous amino acid residues set forth in any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:2, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14, or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

5 More preferably, the polypeptide of the invention is at least 40% identical to at least 50 contiguous amino acid residues, even more preferably at least 100 amino acid residues of any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:2, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14, or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

10 In a particularly preferred embodiment, the percentage similarity to any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:2, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14 is at least 50-60%, more preferably at least 65-70%, even more preferably at least 75-80% and even more preferably at least 85-90%, including about 91% or 95%.

15 In a related embodiment, the present invention provides a "sequencably pure" form of the amino acid sequence described herein. "Sequencably pure" is hereinbefore described as substantially homogeneous to facilitate amino acid determination.

In a further related embodiment, the present invention provides a "substantially
20 homogeneous" form of the subject amino acid sequence, wherein the term "substantially homogeneous" is hereinbefore defined as being in a form suitable for interaction with an immunologically interactive molecule. Preferably, the polypeptide is at least 20% homogeneous, more preferably at least 50% homogeneous, still more preferably at least 75% homogeneous and yet still more preferably at least about 95-100% homogenous, in
25 terms of activity per microgram of total protein in the protein preparation.

The present invention further extends to a synthetic peptide of at least 5 amino acid residues in length derived from or comprising a part of the amino acid sequence set forth in any one or more of SEQ ID Nos:2, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14, or having at least 40% similarity thereto.

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Those skilled in the art will be aware that such synthetic peptides may be useful in the production of immunologically interactive molecules for the preparation of antibodies or as the peptide component of an immunoassay.

~~The invention further extends to an immunoassay comprising an antibody or an immunologically interactive part or fragment thereof which is capable of binding to a cellulose gene product according to any of the foregoing embodiments.~~

The term "antibody" as used herein, is intended to include fragments thereof which are also specifically reactive with a polypeptide of the invention. Antibodies can be fragmented using conventional techniques and the fragments screened for utility in the same manner as for whole antibodies. For example, F(ab')₂ fragments can be generated by treating antibody with pepsin. The resulting F(ab')₂ fragment can be treated to reduce disulfide bridges to produce Fab' fragments.

Those skilled in the art will be aware of how to produce antibody molecules when provided with the cellulose gene product of the present invention. For example, by using a polypeptide of the present invention polyclonal antisera or monoclonal antibodies can be made using standard methods. A mammal, (e.g., a mouse, hamster, or rabbit) can be immunized with an immunogenic form of the polypeptide which elicits an antibody response in the mammal. Techniques for conferring immunogenicity on a polypeptide include conjugation to carriers or other techniques well known in the art. For example, the polypeptide can be administered in the presence of adjuvant. The progress of immunization can be monitored by detection of antibody titers in plasma or serum. Standard ELISA or other immunoassay can be used with the immunogen as antigen to assess the levels of antibodies. Following immunization, antisera can be obtained and, if desired IgG molecules corresponding to the polyclonal antibodies may be isolated from the sera.

To produce monoclonal antibodies, antibody producing cells (lymphocytes) can be harvested from an immunized animal and fused with myeloma cells by standard somatic cell fusion

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procedures thus immortalizing these cells and yielding hybridoma cells. Such techniques are well known in the art. For example, the hybridoma technique originally developed by Kohler and Milstein (1975) as well as other techniques such as the human B-cell hybridoma technique (Kozbor *et al.*, 1983), the EBV-hybridoma technique to produce human monoclonal antibodies
5 (Cole *et al.*, 1985), and screening of combinatorial antibody libraries (Huse *et al.*, 1989). Hybridoma cells can be screened immunochemically for production of antibodies which are specifically reactive with the polypeptide and monoclonal antibodies isolated.

As with all immunogenic compositions for eliciting antibodies, the immunogenically effective
10 amounts of the polypeptides of the invention must be determined empirically. Factors to be considered include the immunogenicity of the native polypeptide, whether or not the polypeptide will be complexed with or covalently attached to an adjuvant or carrier protein or other carrier and route of administration for the composition, i.e. intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, *etc.*, and the number of immunizing doses to be administered. Such factors are
15 known in the vaccine art and it is well within the skill of immunologists to make such determinations without undue experimentation.

It is within the scope of this invention to include any second antibodies (monoclonal, polyclonal or fragments of antibodies) directed to the first mentioned antibodies discussed
20 above. Both the first and second antibodies may be used in detection assays or a first antibody may be used with a commercially available anti-immunoglobulin antibody.

The present invention is further described by reference to the following non-limiting Figures and Examples.

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In the Figures:

Figure 1 is a photographic representation showing the inflorescence length of wild-type *Arabidopsis thaliana* Columbia plants (plants 1 and 3) and *rsw1* plants (plants 2 and 4)

grown at 21°C (plants 1 and 2) or 31°C (plants 3 and 4). After flowering commenced, the bolts were removed and the re-growth followed in plants grown at each temperature.

Figure 2 is a photographic representation of a cryo-scanning electron micrograph showing misshapen epidermal cells in the cotyledons and hypocotyl of the *rsw1* mutant when grown at 31°C for 10 days.

Figure 3 is a graphical representation of a gas chromatograph of alditol acetates of methylated sugars from a cellulose standard (top panel) and from the neutral glucan derived from shoots of *rsw1* plants grown at 31°C (lower panel). The co-incident peaks show that the *rsw1* glucan is 1,4-linked.

Figure 4 is a schematic representation of the contiguous region of *Arabidopsis thaliana* chromosome 4 (stippled box) between the cosmid markers g8300 and 06455, showing the location of overlapping YAC clones (open boxes) within the contiguous region. The position of the *RSW1* locus is also indicated, approximately 1.2cM from g8300 and 0.9cM from 06455. The scale indicates 100kb in length. L, left-end of YAC; R, right-end of YAC. Above the representation of chromosome 4, the YAC fragments and cosmid clone fragments used to construct the contiguous region are indicated, using a prefix designation corresponding to the YAC or cosmid from which the fragments were obtained(eg yUP9E3, yUP20B12, etc) and a suffix designation indicating whether the fragment corresponds to the right-end (RE) or left-end (LE) of the YAC clone; N, North; S, South; CAPS, cleaved amplified polymorphic sequence (Konieczny and Ausubel, 1993) version of the g8300 marker.

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Figure 5 is a schematic representation of a restriction map of construct 23H12 between the left T-DNA border (LB) and right T-DNA border (RB) sequences (top solid line), showing the position of the *Arabidopsis thaliana* RSW1 locus (stippled box). The line at the top of the figure indicates the region of 23H12 which is contained in construct pRSW1. The structure of the RSW1 gene between the translation start (ATG) and translation stop (TAG) codons is indicated at the bottom of the figure. Exons are indicated by filled boxes; introns are indicated by the solid black line. The alignment of EST clone T20782 to the 3'-end of the RSW1 gene, from near the end of exon 7 to the end of exon 14, is also indicated at the bottom of the figure. Restriction sites within 23H12 are as follows: B, *Bam*HI; E, *Eco*RI; H, *Hind*III; S, *Sal*I; Sm, *Sma*I.

Figure 6 is a photographic representation showing complementation of the radial root swelling phenotype of the *rsw1* mutant by transformation with construct 23H12. The *rsw1* mutant was transformed with 23H12 as described in Example 6. Transformed *rsw1* plants (centre group of three seedlings), untransformed *rsw1* plants (left group of three seedlings) and untransformed *A.thaliana* Columbia plants (right group of three seedlings) were grown at 21°C for 5 days and then transferred to 31°C for a further 2 days, after which time the degree of root elongation and radial root swelling was determined.

Figure 7 is a photographic representation comparing wild-type *Arabidopsis thaliana* Columbia plants (right-hand side of the ruler) and *A.thaliana* Columbia plants transformed with the antisense RSW1 construct (i.e. EST T20782 expressed in the antisense orientation under control of the CaMV 35S promoter sequence; left-hand side of the ruler), showing inflorescence shortening at 21°C in plants transformed with the antisense RSW1 construct compared to untransformed Columbia plants. The phenotype of the antisense plants at 21°C is similar to the phenotype of the *rsw1* mutant at 31°C. Inflorescence height is indicated in millimetres.

Figure 8 is a schematic representation showing the first 90 amino acid residues of *Arabidopsis thaliana* RSW1 aligned to the amino acid sequences of homologous polypeptides

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from *A. thaliana* and other plant species. The shaded region indicates highly conserved sequences. Ath-A and Ath-B are closely related *Arabidopsis thaliana* cDNA clones identified by hybridisation screening using part of the RSW1 cDNA as a probe. S0542, rice EST clone (MAFF DNA bank, Japan); *celA1* and *celA2*, cotton cDNA sequences expressed in cotton fibre (Pear *et al.*, 1996); S0181111 and S0181112, putative cellulose synthase genes from *Populus* factors. Amino acid designations are as indicated in Table 1 incorporated herein. Conserved cysteine residues are indicated by the asterisk.

Figure 9 is a schematic representation showing the alignment of the complete amino acid sequence of *Arabidopsis thaliana* RSW1 to the amino acid sequences of homologous polypeptides from *A. thaliana* and other plant species. The shaded region indicates highly conserved sequences. Ath-A and Ath-B are closely related *Arabidopsis thaliana* cDNA clones identified by hybridisation screening using part of the RSW1 cDNA as a probe. S0542, rice EST clone (MAFF DNA bank, Japan); *celA1*, cotton genetic sequence (Pear *et al.*, 1996); D48636, a partial cDNA clone obtained from rice (Pear *et al.*, 1996). Amino acid designations are as indicated in Table 1 incorporated herein. Numbering indicates the amino acid position in the RSW1 sequence.

Figure 10 is a schematic representation of the RSW1 polypeptide, showing the positions of putative transmembrane helices (hatched boxes), cysteine-rich region (Cys) and aspartate residues (D) and the QVLRW signature which are conserved between RSW1 and related amino acid sequences. Regions of RSW1 which are highly-conserved between putative cellulose biosynthesis polypeptides are indicated by the dark-shaded boxes, while less-conserved regions are indicated by the light-shaded boxes.

Figure 11 is a photographic representation of a Southern blot hybridisation of the 5'- end of the *Arabidopsis thaliana* RSW1 cDNA to *Bgl*II-digested DNA derived from *A. thaliana* (lane 1) and cotton (lane 2). Hybridisations were carried out under low stringency conditions at 55°C. Arrows indicate the positions of hybridising bands.

EXAMPLE 1
CHARACTERISATION OF THE CELLULOSE-DEFICIENT
Arabidopsis thaliana **MUTANT *rsw1***

1. Morphology

The *Arabidopsis thaliana rsw1* mutant was produced in a genetic background comprising the ecotype Columbia.

The altered root cell-shape and temperature sensitivity of the root morphology of the *Arabidopsis thaliana* mutant *rsw1* are disclosed, among other morphological mutants, by Baskin *et al.* (1992).

As shown in Figure 1, the present inventors have shown that the *rsw1* mutant exhibits the surprising phenotype of having reduced inflorescence height when grown at 31 °C, compared to wild-type Columbia plants grown under similar conditions. In contrast, when grown at 21 °C, the inflorescence height of *rsw1* is not significantly different from wild type plants grown under similar conditions, indicating that the shoot phenotype of *rsw1* is conditional and temperature-dependent.

Furthermore, cryo-scanning electron microscopy of the epidermal cells of the *rsw1* mutant indicates significant abnormality in cell shape, particularly in respect of those epidermal cells forming the leaves, hypocotyl and cotyledons, when the seedlings are grown at 31 °C (Figure 2).

Rosettes (terminal complexes) are the putative hexameric cellulose synthase complexes of higher plant plasma membranes (Herth, 1985). Freeze-fractured root cells of *Arabidopsis thaliana rsw1* plants grown at 18 °C show cellulose microfibrils and rosettes on the PF face of the plasma membrane that resembles those of wild-type *A. thaliana* and other angiosperms. Transferring the *rsw1* mutant to 31 °C reduces the number of rosettes in the mutant within 30 min, leading to extensive loss after 3 hours. Plasma membrane particles

align in rows on prolonged exposure to the restrictive temperature. In contrast, there is no change in the appearance of cortical microtubules that align cellulose microfibrils, or of Golgi bodies that synthesise other wall polysaccharides and assemble rosettes.

5 2. Carbohydrate content

The effect of mutations in the *RSW1* gene on the synthesis of cellulose and other carbohydrates was assessed by measuring *in vivo* incorporation of ^{14}C (supplied as uniformly labelled glucose) into various cell wall fractions. Wild type (*RSW1*) and homozygous mutant *rsw1* seed were germinated at 21°C on agar containing Hoagland's nutrients and 1% (w/v) 10 unlabelled glucose. After 5 d, half of the seedlings were transferred to 31°C for 1 d while the remainder were maintained at 21°C for the same time. Seedlings were covered with a solution containing Hoagland's nutrients and ^{14}C -glucose and incubated for a further 3 h at the same temperature. Rinsed roots and shoots were separated and frozen in liquid nitrogen. Tissue was homogenised in cold, 0.5 M potassium phosphate buffer (0.5M KH_2PO_4 , pH7.0) 15 and a crude cell wall fraction collected by centrifugation at 2800 rpm. The wall fraction was extracted with chloroform/methanol [1:1 (v/v)] at 40°C for 1 hour, followed by a brief incubation at 150°C, to remove lipids. The pellet was washed successively with 2ml methanol, 2ml acetone and twice with 2ml of deionised water. Finally, the pellet was extracted successively with dimethyl sulphoxide under nitrogen to remove starch; 0.5% 20 ammonium oxalate to remove pectins; 0.1 M KOH and 3 mg/ml NaBH_4 and then with 4 M KOH and 3 mg/ml NaBH_4 to extract hemicelluloses; boiling acetic acid/nitric acid/water [8:1:2 (v/v)], to extract any residual non-cellulosic carbohydrates and leave crystalline cellulose as the final insoluble pellet (Updegraph, 1969). All fractions were analysed by liquid scintillation counting and the counts in each fraction from the mutant were expressed 25 as a percentage of the counts in the wild type under the same conditions.

As shown in Table 3, mutant and wild type plants behave in quite similar fashion at 21°C (the permissive temperature) whereas, at the restrictive temperature of 31°C, the incorporation of ^{14}C into cellulose is severely inhibited (to 36% of wild type) by the *rsw1* 30 mutation. The data in Table 3 indicate that cellulose synthesis is specifically inhibited in

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the *rsw1* mutant. The wild type *RSW1* gene is therefore involved quite directly in cellulose synthesis and changing its sequence by mutation changes the rate of synthesis.

TABLE 3

| Counts in fractions from <i>rsw1</i> plants expressed as a % of counts in comparable fraction from wild type plants | | | | | |
|--|------|----------------|------|-----------|------|
| Pectins | | Hemicelluloses | | Cellulose | |
| 21°C | 31°C | 21°C | 31°C | 21°C | 31°C |
| 125 | 104 | 111 | 101 | 80 | 36 |

In homozygous mutant *rsw1* plants, the pectin fraction extracted by ammonium oxalate contained abundant glucose, atypical of true uronic acid-rich pectins. The great majority of the glucose remained in the supernatant when cetyltrimethylammonium bromide precipitated the negatively charged pectins.

3. Non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan content

The quantity of cellulose and the quantity of a non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan recovered from the ammonium oxalate fraction were determined for seedlings of wild type Columbia and for backcrossed, homozygous *rsw1* that were grown for either 7 days at 21°C or alternatively, for 2 days at 21°C and 5 days at 31°C, on vertical agar plates containing growth medium (Baskin *et al.*, 1992) plus 1% (w/v) glucose, and under continuous light (90 $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$). Roots and shoots were separated from about 150 seedlings, freeze-dried to constant weight and ground in a mortar and pestle with 3 ml of cold 0.5 M potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7.0). The combined homogenate after two buffer rinses (2ml each) was centrifuged at 2800 x g for 10 min. After washing the pellet fraction twice with 2 ml buffer and twice with 2 ml distilled water, the pellet, comprising the crude cell wall fraction, and the pooled supernatants, comprising the phosphate buffer fraction were retained. The crude cell wall pellet fraction was stirred with two 3 ml aliquots of chloroform/methanol [1:1 (v/v)] for 1 hour at 40°C, 2 ml of methanol at 40°C for 30 min, 2 ml of acetone for 30 min, and twice with water. The whole

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procedure repeated in the case of shoots. Combined supernatants were dried in a nitrogen stream. The pellet was successively extracted with: (i) 3 ml of DMSO- water 9:1 [v/v], sealed under nitrogen, overnight with shaking, followed by two 2ml extractions using DMSO/water and three 2ml water washes; (ii) 3ml of ammonium oxalate (0.5 %) at 100°C for 1 hour, followed by two water washes; (iii) 3 ml of 1 M sodium borohydride, for 1 hour at 25°C (repeated once for root material or twice for shoot material), with a final wash with 2 ml water; (iv) 3 ml of 4 M KOH containing 1 mg/ml sodium borohydride, for 1 hour at 25°C (repeated once for root material or twice for shoot material). The final pellet was boiled with intermittent stirring in 3 ml of acetic acid-nitric acid-water [8:1:2 (v/v)] (Updegraff 1969), combined with 2 water washes, and diluted with 5 ml water.

The insoluble residue of cellulose was solubilised in 67% (v/v) H₂SO₄, shown to contain greater than 97% (w/v) glucose using GC/MS (Fisons AS800/MD800) of alditol acetates (Doares *et al.*, 1991) and quantified in three independent samples by anthrone/H₂SO₄ reaction. Results of GC/MS for pooled replica samples are presented in Table 4.

The non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan was recovered as the supernatant from the ammonium oxalate fraction when anionic pectins were precipitated by overnight incubation at 37°C with 2% (w/v) cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTAB) and collected by centrifugation at 2800 x g for 10 min. The glucan (250 μ g/ml) or starch (Sigma; 200 μ g/ml) were digested with mixtures of endocellulase (EC 3.2.1.4; Megazyme, Australia) from *Trichoderma* and almond β -glucosidase (EC 3.2.1.21; Sigma), or *Bacillus sp.* α -amylase (EC 3.2.1.1; Sigma) and rice α -glucosidase (EC 3.2.1.20; Sigma).

The material recovered in the supernatant from the ammonium oxalate fraction was shown to contain a pure β -1,4-glucan by demonstrating that: (i) only glucose was detectable when it was hydrolysed by 2 M TFA in a sealed tube for 1 h at 120°C in an autoclave, the supernatant (2000 g for 5 min) was dried under vacuum at 45°C to remove TFA and glucose was determined by GC/MS; (ii) methylation (Needs and Selvendran 1993) gave a dominant peak resolved by thin layer chromatography and by GC/MS

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that was identical to that from a cellulose standard and so indicative of 1,4-linked glucan (Figure 3); and

(iii) the endo-cellulase and β -1,4-glucosidase mixture released 83 % of the TFA-releasable glucose from the glucan produced by *rswl* at 31 °C while the α -amylase/ α -glucosidase mixture released no glucose from the glucan. Conversely, the α -amylase/ α -glucosidase mixture released 95% of the TFA-releasable glucose from a starch sample, while the endo-cellulase/ β -1,4-glucosidase mixture released no glucose from starch.

Extractability of the glucan using ammonium oxalate, and the susceptibility of the glucan to endocellulase/ β -glucosidase and TFA hydrolysis indicate that the glucan in the *rswl* mutant is not crystalline, because it is the crystallinity of glucan which makes cellulose resistant to extraction and degradation.

Table 4 shows the quantity of glucose in cellulose determined by the anthrone/ H_2SO_4 reaction and the quantity in the non-crystalline glucan after TFA hydrolysis, for shoots of wild type and mutant *rswl Arabidopsis* plants. The data indicate that the production of cellulose and of the non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan can be manipulated by mutational changes in the *RSW1* gene.

TABLE 4

Glucose contents of cellulose and of the ammonium oxalate-extractable glucan

| | wild type | | <i>rswl</i> | |
|-----------|-----------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | 21 °C | 31 °C | 21 °C | 31 °C |
| Cellulose | 273+28 | 363+18* | 218+20 | 159+19* |
| Glucan | 22 | 58 | 24 | 195 |

All values nmol glucose mg⁻¹ plant dry weight + sd (n=3).

* Differences significant at 0.001 % level.

4. Starch content

The quantity of starch recovered in the DMSO fraction from roots in the experiment described above was also determined by the anthrone/ H_2SO_4 extraction (Table 5).

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As shown in Table 5, the level of starch deposited in the *rsw1* mutant is 4-fold that detectable in the roots of wild-type plants at the restrictive temperature of 31°C. A similar rise in starch is also seen if the data are expressed as nmol glucose per plant. There is no detectable difference in deposition at starch between *rsw1* plants and wild-type plants at

5 21°C.

TABLE 5

Quantity of starch (nmol glucose per mg dry weight of seedling) extracted
from roots of *rsw1* and wild type seedlings

| Temperature | Phenotype | |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| | Wild-type | <i>rsw1</i> mutant |
| 21°C | 22 | 18 |
| 31°C | 37 | 126 |

The composition of cell walls in the *rsw1* mutant plant compared to wild type plants at the
15 restrictive temperature of 31°C, is summarised in Table 6.

TABLE 6

Mol% composition of cell walls from shoots of *rsw1* and wild-type
seedlings grown at 31°C

| Cell wall component | Phenotype | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| | Wild-type | <i>rsw1</i> mutant |
| Crystalline cellulose | 38.4 | 16.5 |
| Non- crystalline β-1,4-glucan | 8.5 | 27.1 |
| Pectin | 37.1 | 36.3 |
| Alkali-soluble | 15.6 | 19.8 |
| Acid-soluble | 0.3 | 0.4 |

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In conclusion, the *rsw1* mutation disassembles cellulose synthase complexes in the plasma membrane, reduces cellulose accumulation and causes β -1,4-glucan to accumulate in a non-crystalline form.

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EXAMPLE 2

MAPPING OF YAC CLONES TO THE *rsw1* LOCUS

The *rsw1* locus in the mutant *Arabidopsis thaliana* plant described in Example 1 above was mapped to chromosome 4 of *A. thaliana* using RFLP gene mapping techniques (Chang *et al.*, 1988; Nam *et al.*, 1989) to analyse the F₂ or F₃ progeny derived from a Columbia (Co)/Landsberg (Ler) cross. In particular, the *rsw1* mutation was shown to be linked genetically to the *ga5* locus, which is a chromosome 4 visual marker in *A. thaliana*.

15 Based on an analysis of map distances and chromosomal break points in 293 F₂ or F₃ progeny derived from a Columbia (Co)/Landsberg (Ler) cross, *rsw1* was localised to an approximately 2.1 cM region between the RFLP markers g8300 and 06455, approximately 1.2cM south of the CAPS (cleaved amplified polymorphic sequence; Konieczny and Ausubel, 1993) version of the g8300 marker (Figure 4).

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The interval between g8300 and 06455 in which *rsw1* residues was found to be spanned by an overlapping set of Yeast Artificial Chromosome (YAC) clones. The clones were obtained from Plant Industry, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Canberra, Australia. The YACs were positioned in the g8300/06455 interval by hybridisation using known DNA molecular markers (from within the interval) and DNA fragments from the ends of the YACs. The length of the interval was estimated to comprise 900kb of DNA.

Refined gene mapping of recombinants within the region spanned by YAC clones established the genetic distance between the RFLP marker g8300 and the *rsw1* locus.

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The combination of genetic map distance data and the mapping of YAC clones within the region further localised the *rsw1* locus to the YAC clone designated yUP5C8.

MAPPING OF cDNA CLONES TO THE YAC CLONE YUP5C8

An *Arabidopsis thaliana* cDNA clone designated T20782 was obtained from the public *Arabidopsis* Resource Centre, Ohio State University, 1735 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH
10 43210, United States of America. The T20782 cDNA clone was localised broadly to the DNA interval on *Arabidopsis* chromosome 4 between the two markers g8300 and 06455 shown in Figure 4. Using a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) based approach DNA primers (5'-AGAACAGCAGATACACGGA-3' and 5'-CTGAAGAAGGCTGGACAAT-3') designed to the T20782 cDNA nucleotide sequence were used to screen *Arabidopsis* YAC clone
15 libraries. The T20782 cDNA clone was found to localise to YACs (CIC1F9, CIC10E9, CIC11D9) identified on the *Arabidopsis* chromosome 4 g8300 and 06455 interval (Figure 4). The same approach was used to further localise clone T20782 to YAC clone yUP5C8, the same YAC designated to contain the *rsw1* locus in the same chromosome interval (Figure 4).

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Furthermore, amplification of the YAC clone yUP5C8 using primers derived from T20782 produces a 500bp fragment containing two putative exons identical to part of the T20782 nucleotide sequence, in addition to two intron sequences.

25 The cDNA T20782 was considered as a candidate gene involved in cellulose biosynthesis.

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EXAMPLE 4
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE ANALYSIS OF THE CDNA CLONE T20782

5 The nucleotide sequence of the cDNA clone T20782 is presented in SEQ ID NO: 1. The nucleotide sequence was obtained using a Dye Terminator Cycle Sequencing kit (Perkin Elmer cat. #401384) as recommended by the manufacturer. Four template clones were used for nucleotide sequencing to generate the sequence listed. The first template was the cDNA clone T20782. This template was sequenced using the following sequencing primers:

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- a) 5'-CAATGCATTCATAGCTCCAGCCT-3'
- b) 5'-AAAAGGCTGGAGCTATGAATGCAT-3'
- c) 5'-TCACCGACAGATTCATCATACCCG-3'
- d) 5'-GACATGGAATCACCTTAACTGCC-3'
- 15 e) 5'-CCATTCAGTCTTGTCTTCGTAACC-3'
- f) 5'-GGTTACGAAGACAAGACTGAAATGG-3'
- g) 5'-GAACCTCATAGGCATTGTGGGCTGG-3'
- h) 5'-GCAGGCTCTATATGGGTATGATCC-3'
- i) Standard M13 forward sequencing primer.
- 20 j) Standard T7 sequencing primer.

The second template clone (T20782 *Sph*I deletion clone) was constructed by creating a DNA deletion within the T20782 clone. The T20782 clone was digested with the restriction enzyme *Sph*I, the enzyme was heat-killed, the DNA ligated and electroporated into NM522
25 *E. coli* host cells. The T20782 *Sph*I deletion clone was then sequenced using a standard M13 forward sequencing primer. Two other deletion clones were made for DNA sequencing in a similar fashion but the restriction enzymes *Eco*RI and *Sma*I were used. The T20782 *Eco*RI deletion clone and the T20782 *Sma*I deletion clone were sequenced using a standard T7 sequencing primer. The DNA sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1 is for one DNA strand
30 only however those skilled in the art will be able to generate the nucleotide sequence of the

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complementary strand from the data provided.

The amino acid sequence encoded by clone T20782 was derived and is set forth in SEQ ID NO:2.

The T20782 clone encodes all but the first Aspartate (D) residue of the D, D, D, QXXRW signature conserved in the general architecture of β -glycosyl transferases. In particular, T20782 encodes 5 amino acid residues of the D, D, D, QXXRW signature, between amino acid positions 109 and 370 of SEQ ID NO:2. The conserved Aspartate, Aspartate, 10 Glutamine, Arginine and Tryptophan amino acid residues are shown below, in bold type, with the local amino acid residues also indicated:

1. Amino acid residues 105 to 113 of SEQ ID NO:2:

LLNVDCDHY;

15 2. Amino acid residues 324 to 332 of SEQ ID NO:2:

SVTEDILTG; and

3. Amino acid residues 362 to 374 of SEQ ID NO:2:

DRLNQVLRWALGS.

20 It must be noted that these invariable amino acids merely indicate that the T20782 derived amino acid sequence belongs to a very broad group of glycosyl transferases. Some of these enzymes such as cellulose synthase, chitin synthase, alginate synthase and hyaluronic acid synthase produce functionally very different compounds.

25 The presence of the conserved amino acid residues merely indicate that the T20782 clone may encode a β -glycosyl transferase protein such as the cellulose gene product, cellulose synthase. The fact that the clone localises in the vicinity of a gene involved in cellulose biosynthesis is the key feature which now focus interest on the T20782 clone as a candidate for the *RSW1* (cellulose synthase) gene.

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The T20782 potentially codes for a cellulose synthase.

EXAMPLE 5

5 NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE ANALYSIS OF THE GENOMIC CLONE 23H12

Clone 23H12 contains approximately 21kb of *Arabidopsis thaliana* genomic DNA in the region between the left border and right border T-DNA sequences, and localises to the RSW1 candidate YAC yUP5C8. Clone 23H12 was isolated by hybridisation using EST20782
10 insert DNA. from a genomic DNA library made for plant transformation. Cosmid 12C4 was also shown to hybridize to the cDNA clone T20782, however this cosmid appears to comprise a partial genomic sequence corresponding to the related *Ath-A* cDNA sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:7, for which the corresponding amino acid sequence is set forth in SEQ ID NO:8.

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A restriction enzyme map of clone 23H12 is presented in Figure 5.

Nucleotide sequence of 8411bp of genomic DNA in the binary cosmid clone 23H12 was obtained (SEQ ID NO:3) by primer walking along the 23H12 template, using a Dye
20 Terminator Cycle Sequencing kit (Perkin Elmer cat. #401384) as recommended by the manufacturer. The following primers at least, were used for DNA sequencing of the 23H12 clone DNA:

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|-------------|--------------------------------|
| a)cs1-R | 5'-CAATGCATTCATAGCTCCAGCCT-3' |
| 25 b)cs1-F | 5'-AAAAGGCTGGAGCTATGAATGCAT-3' |
| c)up | 5'-AGAACAGCAGATACACGGA-3' |
| d)ve76-R2 | 5'-ATCCGTGTATCTGCTGTTCTTACC-3' |
| e)est1-R | 5'-AATGCTCTTGTTGCCAAAGCAC-3' |
| f)sve76-F | 5'-ATTGTCCAGCCTTCTTCAGG-3' |
| 30 g)ve76-R | 5'-CTGAAGAAGGCTGGACAATGC-3' |

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h)B12-R1 5'-AGGTAAGCATAGCTGAACCATC-3'
 i)B12-R2 5'-AGTAGATTGCAGATGGTTTTCTAC-3'
 j)B12-R3 5'-TTCAATGGGTCCACTGTACTAAC-3'
 k)B12-R4 5'-ATTCAGATGCACCATTGTC-3'

The structure of the *RSW1* gene contained in cosmid clone 23H12 is also presented in Figure 5. As shown therein, coding sequences in 23H12, from the last 12 bp of exon 7 to the end of exon 14, correspond to the full T20782 cDNA sequence (i.e. SEQ ID NO:1). The nucleotide sequences of the *RSW1* gene comprising exons 1 to 8 were amplified from
 10 *A.thaliana* Columbia double-stranded cDNA, using amplification primers upstream of the *RSW1* start site and a primer internal to the EST clone T20782.

The exons in the *RSW1* gene range from 81bp to 585bp in length and all 5' and 3' intron/exon splice junctions conform to the conserved intron rule.

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The *RSW1* transcript comprises a 5'-untranslated sequence of at least 70bp in length, a 3243bp coding region and a 360bp 3'-untranslated region. Northern hybridization analyses indicate that the *RSW1* transcript in wild-type *A. thaliana* roots, leaves and inflorescences is approximately 4.0kb in length, and that a similar transcript size occurs in mutant tissue
 20 (data not shown).

The derived amino acid sequence of the *RSW1* polypeptide encoded by the cosmid clone 23H12 (i.e. the polypeptide set forth in SEQ ID NO:6) is 1081 amino acids in length and contains the entire D, D, D, QXXRW signature characteristic of β -glycosyl transferase
 25 proteins, between amino acid position 395 and amino acid position 822. The conserved Aspartate, Glutamine, Arginine and Tryptophan residues are shown below, in bold type, with the local amino acid residues also indicated:

1. amino acid residues 391 to 399 of SEQ ID NO:6:

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YVSDDGSA**M**

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2. Amino acid residues 557 to 565 of SEQ ID NO:6:

LLNVDCDHY;

3. Amino acid residues 776 to 784 of SEQ ID NO:6:

SVTEDILTG; and

5 4. Amino acid residues 814 to 826 of SEQ ID NO:6:

DRLNQVLRWALGS.

The second and third conserved Aspartate residues listed *supra*, and the fourth conserved amino acid sequence motif listed *supra* (i.e. QVLRW) are also present in the cDNA clone
10 T20782 (see Example 4 above).

The 23H12 clone potentially encodes a cellulose synthase.

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EXAMPLE 6

COMPLEMENTATION OF THE *rsw1* MUTATION

The complementation of the cellulose mutant plant *rsw1* is the key test to demonstrate the function of the clone 23H12 gene product. Complementation of the *rsw1* phenotype was
20 demonstrated by transforming the binary cosmid clone 23H12, or a derivative clone thereof encoding a functional gene product, into the *Arabidopsis thaliana* cellulose mutant *rsw1*. Two DNA constructs (23H12 and pRSW1) were used to complement the *rsw1* mutant plant line.

25 1. Construct 23H12

Clone 23H12 is described in Example 5 and Figure 5.

2. Construct pRSW1

The 23H12 construct has an insert of about 21kb in length. To demonstrate that any
30 complementation of the phenotype of the *rsw1* mutation is the result of expression of the gene

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which corresponds to SEQ ID NO:3, a genetic construct, designated as pRSW1, comprising the putative RSW1 gene with most of the surrounding DNA deleted, was produced. A restriction enzyme (RE) map of the *RSW1* gene insert in pRSW1 is provided in Figure 5.

To produce pRSW1, the *RSW1* gene was subcloned from cosmid 23H12 into the binary plasmid pBIN19. Briefly, *Escherichia coli* cells containing cosmid 23H12 were grown in LB medium supplemented with tetracyclin (3.5 mg/L). Plasmid DNA was prepared by alkaline lysis and digested sequentially with restriction enzymes *PvuII* and *SaII*. Two co-migrating fragments of 9 kb and 10 kb, respectively, were isolated as a single fraction from a 0.8% (w/v) agarose gel. The RSW1 gene was contained on the 10 kb *PvuII/SaII* fragment. The 9 kb fragment appeared to be a *PvuII* cleavage product not comprising the RSW1 gene. The restriction fragments were ligated into pBIN19 digested with *SmaI* and *SaII*. An aliquot of the ligation mix was introduced by electroporation into *E.coli* strain XLB1. Colonies resistant to kanamycin (50 mg/L) were selected and subsequently characterised by restriction enzyme analysis to identify those clones which contained only the 10 kb *PvuII/SaII* fragment comprising the RSW1 gene, in pBIN19.

3. Transfer of the 23H12 and pRSW1 constructs to *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*

Cosmid 23H12 was transferred to *Agrobacterium* by triparental mating, essentially as described by Ditta *et al.* (1980). Three bacterial strains as follows were mixed on solid LB medium without antibiotics: Strain 1 was an *E. coli* helper strain containing the mobilising plasmid pRK2013, grown to stationary phase; Strain 2 was *E.coli* containing cosmid 23H12, grown to stationary phase; and Strain 3 was an exponential-phase culture of *A. tumefaciens* strain AGL1 (Lazo *et al.*, 1991). The mixture was allowed to grow over night at 28°C, before an aliquot was streaked out on solid LB medium containing antibiotics (ampicillin 50 mg/L, rifampicin 50 mg/L, tetracyclin 3.5 mg/L) to select for transformed *A. tumefaciens* AGL1. Resistant colonies appeared after 2-3 days at 28°C and were streaked out once again on selective medium for further purification. Selected colonies were then subcultured in liquid LB medium supplemented with rifampicin (50 mg/L) and tetracyclin (3.5 mg/L) and stored at -80°C.

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Plasmid pRSW1 (initially designated as p2029) was introduced into *A. tumefaciens* strain AGL1 by electroporation.

4. Transformation of *rsw1* plants

- 5 The *rsw1* plant line was transformed with constructs 23H12 and pRSW1 using vacuum infiltration essentially as described by Bechtold et al. (1993).

5. Analysis of radial swelling in transformants

Complementation of the radial swelling (*rsw*) phenotype, which is characteristic of the *rsw1* mutant plant, was assayed by germinating transformed (i.e. T1 seed) *rsw1* seeds obtained as described *supra* on Hoaglands plates containing 50 µg/ml kanamycin. Plates containing the transformed seeds were incubated at 21 °C for 10-12 days. Kanamycin-resistant seedlings were transferred to fresh Hoaglands plates containing 50 µg/ml kanamycin and incubated at 31 °C for 2 days. Following this incubation, the root tip was examined for a radial swelling
10 phenotype. Under these conditions, the roots of wild-type plants do not show any radial swelling phenotype however, the roots of *rsw1* plants show clear radial swelling at the root tip and also have a short root compared to the wild-type plants. As a consequence, determination of the radial swelling phenotype of the transformed plants was indicative of successful complementation of the *rsw1* phenotype.
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The kanamycin-resistant seedlings were maintained by further growth of seedlings at 21 °C, following the high temperature incubation. Once plants had recovered, the seedlings were transferred to soil and grown in cabinets at 21 °C (16 hr light/8 hr dark cycle). T2 seed was then harvested from mature individual plants.

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Using the 23H12 construct for *rsw1* transformation, a total of 262 kanamycin-resistant seedlings were obtained. All of these transformants were tested for complementation of the root radial swelling phenotype. A total of 230 seedlings showed a wild type root phenotype, while only 32 seedlings showed the radial swelling root phenotype characteristic of *rsw1*
30 plants. By way of example, Figure 6 shows the phenotypes of transformed seedlings compared

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to untransformed wild-type and *rswl* seedlings, following incubation at 31°C. As shown in Figure 6, there is clear complementation of the radial swelling phenotype in the transformed seedlings, with normal root length being exhibited by the transformed seedlings at 31°C

5 Using the pRSW1 construct for transformation, 11 seedlings were obtained. All of the 11 seedlings tested for complementation of the root radial swelling phenotype showed a wild type root phenotype and none of the seedlings showed any signs of radial swelling in the roots (data not shown).

10 6. General morphological analysis of the complemented *rswl* mutant line

Further characterisation of the complemented *rswl* plants has shown that other morphological characteristics of *rswl* have also been restored in the transgenic lines, for example the bolt (inflorescence) height, and the ability of the plants to grow wild type cotyledons, leaves, trichomes, siliques and flowers at 31°C (data not shown).

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7. Biochemical complementation of the *rswl* mutant line

T2 seed from transformations using cosmid 23H12 as described *supra* or alternatively, using the binary plasmid pBin19 which lacks any *RSW1* gene sequences, was sown on Hoagland's solid media containing kanamycin (50µg/ml), incubated for 2 days at 21°C and then
20 transferred to 31°C for 5 days. Wild-type *A.thaliana* Columbia plants were grown under similar conditions but without kanamycin in the growth medium. Kanamycin resistant T2 seedlings which have at least one copy of the 23H12 cosmid sequence, and wild-type seedlings, were collected and frozen for cellulose analysis.

25 Cellulose levels were determined as acetic-nitric acid insoluble material (Updegraph, 1969) for 10 lines of kanamycin-resistant T2 plants transformed with the 23H12 cosmid sequence, and compared to the cellulose levels in *rswl* mutant plants, wild-type *A.thaliana* Columbia plants and *A.thaliana* Columbia plants transformed with the binary plasmid pBin19. The results are provided in Table 7.

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As shown in Table 7, the cellulose levels have been significantly elevated in the complemented *rsw1* (T2) plants, compared to the cellulose levels measured in the *rsw1* mutant parent plant. In fact, cellulose levels in the 23H12-transformed plants, expressed relative to the fresh weight of plant material or on a per seedling basis, are not significantly different from
5 the cellulose levels of either wild-type *Arabidopsis thaliana* Columbia plants or *A. thaliana* Columbia transformed with the binary plasmid pBin19. These data indicate that the 23H12 cosmid is able to fully complement the cellulose-deficient phenotype of the *rsw1* mutant.

Homozygous T3 lines are generated to confirm the data presented in Table 7.

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Furthermore, data presented in Table 7 indicate that there is no difference in the rate of growth of the T2 transformed *rsw1* plants and wild-type plants at 31°C, because the fresh weight of such plants does not differ significantly. In contrast, the fresh weight of mutant *rsw1* seedlings grown under identical conditions is only approximately 55% of the level
15 observed in T2 lines transformed with 23H12 (range about 30% to about 80%). These data support the conclusion that cellulose levels have been manipulated in the complemented *rsw1* (T2) plants.

Furthermore, the rate of cellulose synthesis in 23H12-transformed plants and wild-type
20 plants at 31°C, as measured by ¹⁴C incorporation is also determined.

Furthermore, the β -1,4-glucan levels and starch levels in the 23H12 transformant lines are shown to be similar to the β -1,4-glucan and starch levels in wild-type plants.

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TABLE 7
CELLULOSE LEVELS IN *rsw1* PLANTS TRANSFORMED
WITH COSMID CLONE 23H12

| | PLANT LINE | SAMPLE SIZE (No. of plants) | SEEDLING FRESH WEIGHT (mg) | CELLULOSE (mg cellulose/ 100 mg tissue) | CELLULOSE (mg cellulose/ seedling) |
|----|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| 10 | 1.2 (<i>rsw1</i> +23H12) | 126 | 2.51 | 1.23 | 0.031 |
| | 1.4 (<i>rsw1</i> +23H12) | 132 | 2.25 | 2.50 | 0.056 |
| | 2.1 (<i>rsw1</i> +23H12) | 126 | 3.23 | 1.29 | 0.042 |
| | 3.1 (<i>rsw1</i> +23H12) | 127 | 3.75 | 1.23 | 0.046 |
| | 3.10 (<i>rsw1</i> +23H12) | 128 | 3.52 | 1.69 | 0.060 |
| 15 | 4.4 (<i>rsw1</i> +23H12) | 110 | 5.14 | 1.31 | 0.067 |
| | 4.5 (<i>rsw1</i> +23H12) | 125 | 3.18 | 1.26 | 0.040 |
| | 5.3 (<i>rsw1</i> +23H12) | 124 | 2.77 | 1.17 | 0.032 |
| | 9.2 (<i>rsw1</i> +23H12) | 125 | 2.26 | 1.41 | 0.032 |
| | 10.8 (<i>rsw1</i> +23H12) | 126 | 2.4 | 1.20 | 0.029 |
| 20 | Columbia/pBin19 | 106 | 2.64 | 1.34 | 0.035 |
| | Columbia | 178 | 2.73 | 1.18 | 0.032 |
| | <i>rsw1</i> mutant | 179 | 1.77 | 0.84 | 0.015 |

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EXAMPLE 7

DETERMINATION OF THE FULL-LENGTH NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE
ENCODING THE WILD-TYPE RSW1 POLYPEPTIDE

5 *Arabidopsis thaliana* double-stranded cDNA and cDNA libraries were prepared using the CAPFINDER cDNA kit (Clontech). RNA was isolated from wild-type Columbia grown in sterile conditions for 21 days.

Approximately 100,000 cDNA clones in an unamplified cDNA library were screened under
10 standard hybridization conditions at 65°C, using a probe comprising ³²P-labelled DNA amplified from double stranded cDNA. To prepare the hybridization probe, the following amplification primers were used:

1. 2280-F:5'GAATCGGCTACGAATTTCCCA 3'
2. 2370-F:5'TTGGTTGCTGGATCCTACCGG 3'
- 15 3. csp1-R:5'GGT TCT AAA TCT TCT TCC GTC 3'

wherein the primer combinations were either 2280-F/csp1-R or 2370-F/csp1-R. The primer 2280-F corresponds to nucleotide positions 2226 to 2246 in SEQ ID NO:3, upstream of the translation start site. The primer 2370-F corresponds to nucleotide positions 2314 to 2334
20 in SEQ ID NO:3, encoding amino acids 7 through 13 of the RSW1 polypeptide. The primer csp1-R comprises nucleotide sequences complementary to nucleotides 588 to 608 of the T20782 clone (SEQ ID NO:1) corresponding to nucleotides 6120 to 6140 of SEQ ID NO:3. The hybridization probes produced are approximately 1858 nucleotides in length (2280-F/csp1-R primer combination) or 1946 nucleotides in length (2370-F/csp1-R primer
25 combination).

Five hybridizing bacteriophage clones were identified, which were plaque-purified to homogeneity during two successive rounds of screening. Plasmids were rescued from the positively-hybridizing bacteriophage clones, using the Stratagene excision protocol for the
30 ZapExpress™ vector according to the manufacturer's instructions. Colony hybridizations

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confirmed the identity of the clones.

Isolated cDNA clones were sequenced by primer walking similar to the method described in Examples 4 and 5 *supra*.

A full-length wild-type *RSW1* nucleotide sequence was compiled from the nucleotide sequences of two cDNA clones. First, the 3'-end of the cDNA, encoding amino acids 453-1081 of *RSW1*, corresponded to the nucleotide sequence of the EST clone T20782 (SEQ ID NO:1). The remaining cDNA sequence, encoding amino acids 1-654 of *RSW1*, was
10 generated by amplification of the 5'-end from cDNA, using primer 2280-F, which comprises nucleotide sequences approximately 50-70bp upstream of the *RSW1* translation start site in cosmid 23 H12, and primer csp1-R, which comprises nucleotide sequences complementary to nucleotides 588 to 608 of the T20782 clone (SEQ ID NO:1).

15 Several amplified clones are sequenced to show that no nucleotide errors were introduced by the amplification process. The 5' and 3' nucleotide sequences are spliced together to produce the complete *RSW1* open reading frame and 3'-untranslated region provided in SEQ ID NO:5.

20 Those skilled in the art will be aware that the 5'-end and 3'-end of the two incomplete cDNAs are spliced together to obtain a full-length cDNA clone, the nucleotide sequence of which is set forth in SEQ ID NO:5.

Of the remaining cDNA clones, no isolated cDNA clone comprised a nucleotide sequence
25 which precisely matched the nucleotide sequence of the *RSW1* gene present in cosmid 23H12. However, several clones containing closely-related sequences were obtained, as summarised in Table 8. The nucleotide sequences of the *Ath-A* and *Ath-B* cDNAs are provided herein as SEQ ID Nos: 7 and 9, respectively.

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TABLE 8
CHARACTERISATION OF *A. thaliana* cDNA CLONES

| CLONE NAME | DESCRIPTION | LENGTH | SEQ ID NO: |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| RSW1.1A | chimeric clone | partial | not provided |
| 5 RSW1A | chimeric clone | partial | not provided |
| <i>Ath</i> -A | 12C4 cDNA | full-length | SEQ ID NO:7 |
| <i>Ath</i> -B | new sequence | full-length | SEQ ID NO:9 |
| RSW4A | identical to <i>Ath</i> -B | full-length | not provided |

10 The derived amino acid sequences encoded by the cDNAs listed in Table 8, is provided in Figures 8 and 9 and SEQ ID Nos: 8 and 10 herein.

Figure 10 a schematic representation of the important features of the RSW1 polypeptide which are conserved within *A. thaliana* and between *A. thaliana* and other plant species. In addition to the species indicated in Figure 10, the present inventors have also identified 15 maize, wheat, barley and *Brassica ssp.* cellulose biosynthetic genes by homology search. Accordingly, the present invention extends to cellulose genes and cellulose biosynthetic polypeptides as hereinbefore defined, derived from any plant species, including *A. thaliana*, cotton, rice, wheat, barley, maize, *Eucalyptus ssp.*, *Brassica ssp.*, *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, 20 *Picea ssp.*, hemp, jute and flax, amongst others.

EXAMPLE 8

ISOLATION OF FULL-LENGTH NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE ENCODING THE MUTANT RSW1 POLYPEPTIDE

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Arabidopsis thaliana double-stranded cDNA and cDNA libraries were prepared using the CAPFINDER cDNA kit (Clontech). RNA was isolated from *Arabidopsis thaliana* Columbia *rsw1* mutant plants grown in sterile conditions for 21 days.

30 The full-length *rsw1* mutant nucleotide sequence was generated by sequencing two amplified

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DNA fragments spanning the *rsw1* mutant gene. The 5'- end sequence of the cDNA (comprising the 5'-untranslated region and exons 1-11) was amplified using the primer combination 2280-F/csp1-R (Example 7). The 3'-end sequence was amplified using the primers EST1-F and cs3-R set forth below:

2. Primer cs3-R: 5'GACATGGAATCACCTTAACTGCC 3'

wherein primer EST1-F corresponds to nucleotide positions 1399-1420 of SEQ ID NO:5 (within exon 8) and primer cs3-R is complementary to nucleotides 3335-3359 of SEQ ID NO:5 (within the 3'-untranslated region of the wild-type transcript).

The full-length sequence of the mutant *rsw1* transcript is set forth herein as SEQ ID NO:11.

Whilst not being bound by any theory or mode of action, a single nucleotide substitution in the *rsw1* mutant nucleotide sequence (nucleotide position 1716 in SEQ ID NO:11), relative to the wild-type *RSW1* nucleotide sequence (nucleotide position 1646 in SEQ ID NO:5), resulting in Ala549 being substituted with Val549 in the mutant polypeptide, may contribute to the altered activity of the *RSW1* polypeptide at non-permissive temperatures such as 31°C. Additional amino acid substitutions are also contemplated by the present invention, to alter the activity of the *RSW1* polypeptide, or to make the polypeptide temperature-sensitive.

EXAMPLE 9

ANTISENSE INHIBITION OF CELLULOSE PRODUCTION

IN TRANSGENIC PLANTS

1. Construction of an antisense *RSW1* binary vector

One example of transgenic plants in which cellulose production is inhibited is provided by the expression of an antisense genetic construct therein. Antisense technology is used to target expression of a cellulose gene(s) to reduce the amount of cellulose produced by

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transgenic plants.

By way of exemplification, an antisense plant transformation construct has been engineered to contain the T20782 cDNA insert (or a part thereof) in the antisense orientation and in
5 operable connection with the CaMV 35S promoter present in the binary plasmid pRD410 (Datla *et al.*, 1992). More particularly, the T20782 cDNA clone, which comprises the 3'-end of the wild-type *RSW1* gene, was digested with *Xba*I and *Kpn*I and cloned into the kanamycin-resistant derivative of pGEM3zf(-), designated as plasmid, pJKKMf(-). The
10 *RSW1* sequence was sub-cloned, in the antisense orientation, into the binary vector pRD410 as a *Xba*I/*Sac*I fragment, thereby replacing the β -glucuronidase (GUS or *uidA*) gene. This allows the *RSW1* sequence to be transcribed in the antisense orientation under the control of the CaMV 35S promoter.

The antisense *RSW1* binary plasmid vector was transferred to *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*
15 strain AGL1, by triparental mating and selection on rifampicin and kanamycin, as described by Lazo *et al.* (1991). The presence of the *RSW1* insert in transformed *A. tumefaciens* cells was confirmed by Southern hybridization analysis (Southern, 1975). The construct was shown to be free of deletion or rearrangements prior to transformation of plant tissues, by back-transformation into *Escherichia coli* strain JM101 and restriction digestion analysis.
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2. Transformation of *Arabidopsis thaliana*

Eight pots, each containing approximately 16 *A. thaliana* ecotype Columbia plants, were grown under standard conditions. Plant tissue was transformed with the antisense *RSW1* binary plasmid by vacuum infiltration as described by Bechtold *et al.* (1993). Infiltration
25 media contained 2.5 % (w/v) sucrose and plants were infiltrated for 2 min until a vacuum of approximately 400mm Hg was obtained. The vacuum connection was shut off and plants allowed to sit under vacuum for 5 min.

Approximately 34,000 T1 seed was screened on MS plates containing 50 μ g/ml kanamycin,
30 to select for plants containing the antisense *RSW1* construct. Of the T1 seed sown, 135

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kanamycin-resistant seedlings were identified, of which 91 were transferred into soil and grown at 21 °C under a long-day photoperiod (16hr light; 8hr dark).

Of the 91 transgenic lines, 19 lines were chosen for further analysis which had anther

consequence, required hand-pollination to obtain T2 seed therefrom.

T2 seed from 14 of these 19 lines was plated out onto vertical Hoaglands plates containing kanamycin to determine segregation ratios. Between five and ten seed were plated per transgenic line. Control seeds, including *A. thaliana* Columbia containing the binary vector pBIN19 (Bevan, 1984) and segregating 3:1 for kanamycin resistance, and the *rswl* mutant transformed with the *NPTII* gene, also segregating 3:1 for kanamycin resistance, were grown under the same conditions. Kanamycin-resistant plants were transferred to soil and grown at 21 °C under long days, until flowering. Untransformed *Arabidopsis thaliana* Columbia plants were also grown under similar conditions, in the absence of kanamycin.

3. Morphology of antisense- *RSW1* plants

A comparison of the morphology of antisense *RSW1* plants grown at 21 °C, to mutant *rswl* plants grown at the non-permissive temperature (i.e. 31 °C) has identified a number of common phenotypes. For example, the antisense plants exhibit reduced fertility, inflorescence shortening and have short anthers, compared to wild-type plants, when grown at 21 °C. These phenotypes are also observed in mutant *rswl* plants grown at 31 °C. These results suggest that the antisense construct in the transgenic plants may be targeting the expression of the wild-type *RSW1* gene at 21 °C.

Figure 7 shows the reduced inflorescence (bolt) height in antisense 35S-*RSW1* plants compared to wild-type *A. thaliana* Columbia plants grown under identical conditions.

4. Cell wall carbohydrate analysis of antisense plants.

T3 plants which are homozygous for the 35S-*RSW1* antisense construct are generated and the

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content of cellulose therein is determined as described in Example 1. Plants expressing the antisense construct are shown to have significantly less cellulose in their cell walls, compared to wild-type plants. Additionally, the levels of non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan and starch are elevated in the cells of antisense plants, compared to otherwise isogenic plant lines which have
5 not been transformed with the antisense genetic construct.

5. Antisense 35S-RSW1 mRNA expression levels in transgenic plants

Total RNA was extracted from 0.2g of leaf tissue derived from 33 kanamycin-resistant T1 plants containing the antisense 35S-*RSW1* genetic construct, essentially according to
10 Longemann *et al.* (1986). Total RNA (25 μ g) was separated on a 2.2M formaldehyde/agarose gel, blotted onto nylon filters and hybridized to a riboprobe comprising the sense strand sequence of the cDNA clone T20782. To produce the riboprobe, T7 RNA polymerase was used to transcribe sense RNA from a linearised plasmid template containing T20782, in the presence of [α - 32 P]UTP. Hybridizations and subsequent washes were performed as described
15 by Dolferus *et al.* (1994). Hybridized membranes were exposed to Phosphor screens (Molecular Dynamics, USA).

The levels of expression of the *RSW1* antisense transcript were determined and compared to the level of fertility observed for the plant lines. As shown in Table 9, the level of antisense
20 gene expression is correlated with the reduced fertility phenotype of the antisense plants. In 13 lines, a very high or high level of expression of the 35S-*RSW1* antisense gene was observed and, in 11 of these lines fertility was reduced. Only lines 2W and 3E which expressed high to very high levels of antisense mRNA, appeared to be fully fertile. In 12 lines which expressed medium levels of antisense mRNA, approximately one-half were fertile and one-half appeared
25 to exhibit reduced fertility. In contrast, in 8 plant lines in which only a low or very low level of expression of the antisense 35S-*RSW1* genetic construct was observed, a wild-type (i.e. fertile) phenotype was observed for all but one transgenic line, line 2R.

Data presented in Table 9 and Figure 7 indicate that the phenotype of the cellulose-deficient
30 mutant *rsw1* may be reproduced by expressing antisense *RSW1* genetic constructs in transgenic

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plants.

To confirm reduced cellulose synthesis and/or deposition in transgenic plants expressing the antisense *RSW1* gene, the level of cellulose is measured by the ^{14}C incorporation assay or

production in otherwise isogenic wild-type plants. Cellulose production in the transgenic plants is shown to be significantly reduced compared to wild-type plants. The severity of phenotype of the transgenic plants thus produced varies considerably, depending to some extent upon the level of inhibition of cellulose biosynthesis.

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TABLE 9

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**LEVELS OF ANTISENSE GENE EXPRESSION AND FERTILITY IN
T1 LINES OF ANTISENSE 35S-RSW1 PLANTS**

| 5 | T1 PLANT LINE | ANTISENSE 35S-RSW1 EXPRESSION | FERTILITY | T1 PLANT LINE | ANTISENSE 35S-RSW1 EXPRESSION | FERTILITY |
|----|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| | B | very high | sterile* | 2H | medium | fertile |
| | 2B | very high | sterile* | C | medium | sterile* |
| | 3E | very high | fertile | F | medium | sterile* |
| 10 | 2E | high | sterile* | 2Q | medium | fertile |
| | 2K | high | sterile* | 3P | medium | sterile* |
| | 2M | high | sterile* | 3T | medium | fertile |
| | 2O | high | sterile* | 5D | medium | sterile* |
| | 2P | high | sterile* | 6A | medium | fertile |
| 15 | 2W | high | fertile | 8E | low | fertile |
| | 2Z | high | sterile* | 2R | low | sterile* |
| | 3G | high | sterile* | 7A | low | fertile |
| | 3Q | high | sterile* | 7S | low | fertile |
| | 7Q | high | sterile* | 7O | low | fertile |
| 20 | 7N | medium | sterile* | 7R | low | fertile |
| | 7G | medium | fertile | 1B | very low | fertile |
| | 1C | medium | sterile* | 2U | very low | fertile |
| | 2X | medium | sterile* | | | |

*sterile phenotype not indicative of complete sterility, but that hand pollination at least, is

25 required to obtain seed from such plants.

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EXAMPLE 10

RSW1 RELATED SEQUENCES IN RICE PLANTS

To identify *RSW1* related nucleotide sequences in rice, a genetic sequence database was

Arabidopsis thaliana *RSW1* nucleotide sequences described in the preceding Examples. Rice EST S0542 (MAFF DNA bank, Japan) was identified, for which only a partial nucleotide sequences was available. Additionally, before the instant invention, there was no probable function attached to the rice EST S0542 sequence.

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The present inventors have obtained the complete nucleotide sequence of clone S0542 and derived the amino acid sequence encoded therefor. The S0542 cDNA is only 1741bp in length and appears to be a partial cDNA clone because, although it comprises 100bp of 5'-untranslated sequence and contains the ATG start codon, it is truncated at 3'-end and, as a
15 consequence encodes only the first 547 amino acid residues of the rice *RSW1* or *RSW1*-like polypeptide. Based upon the length of the corresponding *Arabidopsis thaliana* *RSW1* polypeptide (1081 amino acids), the rice *RSW1* sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:14 appears to contain approximately one-half of the complete amino acid sequence.

20 The N-terminal half of the rice *RSW1* amino acid sequence is approximately 70% identical to the *Arabidopsis thaliana* *RSW1* polypeptide set forth in SEQ ID NO:6, with higher homology (approximately 90%) occurring between amino acid residues 271-547 of the rice sequence. These data strongly suggest that S0542 is the rice homologue of the *A. thaliana* *RSW1* gene. Alignments of rice, *A. thaliana* and cotton *RSW1* amino acid sequences are presented in
25 Figures 9 and 10.

To isolate full-length cDNA clones and genomic clone equivalents of S0542 (this study and MAFF DNA bank, Japan) or D48636 (Pear *et al.*, 1996), cDNA and genomic clone libraries are produced using rice mRNA and genomic DNA respectively, and screened by hybridisation
30 using the S0542 or D48636 cDNAs as a probe, essentially as described herein. Positive-

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hybridising plaques are identified and plaque-purified, during further rounds of screening by hybridisation, to single plaques.

The rice clones are sequenced as described in the preceding Examples to determine the complete nucleotide sequences of the rice *RSW1* genes and derived amino acid sequences therefor. Those skilled in the art will be aware that such gene sequences are useful for the production of transgenic plants, in particular transgenic cereal plants having altered cellulose content and/or quality, using standard techniques. The present invention extends to all such genetic sequences and applications therefor.

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EXAMPLE 11

RSW1 RELATED SEQUENCES IN COTTON PLANTS

15 A ³²P-labelled *RSW1* PCR fragment was used to screen approximately 200,000 cDNA clones in a cotton fibre cDNA library. The *RSW1* PCR probe was initially amplified from *Arabidopsis thaliana* wild type cDNA using the primers 2280-F and csp1-R described in the preceding Examples, and then re-amplified using the primer combination 2370-F/csp1-R, also described in the preceding Examples.

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Hybridisations were carried out under low stringency conditions at 55°C.

Six putative positive-hybridising plaques were identified in the first screening round. Using two further rounds of screening by hybridisation, four of these plaques were purified to single
25 plaques. Three plaques hybridise very strongly to the *RSW1* probe while the fourth plaque hybridises less intensely.

We conclude that the positive-hybridising plaques which have been purified are strong candidates for comprising cotton *RSW1* gene sequences or *RSW1*-like gene sequences.
30 Furthermore, the cotton cDNAs may encode the catalytic subunit of cellulose synthase,

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because the subunit protein architecture of cellulose synthase appears to be highly conserved among plants as highlighted in the preceding Example.

Furthermore, a Southern blot of cotton genomic DNA digested with *Bgl*/II was hybridised with [REDACTED] are presented in Figure 11. These data demonstrate that RSW1-related sequences exist in the cotton genome.

The cotton cDNA clones described herein are sequenced as described in the preceding Examples and used to produce transgenic cotton plants having altered fibre characteristics. The cDNAs are also used to genetically alter the cellulose content and/or quality of other plants, using standard techniques.

EXAMPLE 12

15 RSW1 RELATED SEQUENCES IN *EUCALYPTUS* SSP.

Putative *Eucalyptus* spp. cellulose synthase catalytic subunit gene fragments were obtained by amplification using PCR. DNA primers were designed to conserved amino acid residues found in the *Arabidopsis thaliana* RSW1 and 12C4 amino acid sequences. Three primers were used
20 for PCR. The primers are listed below:

pcsF-I 5'- A A/G A A G A T I G A C/T T A C/T C/T T I A A A/G G A C/T A A-3'

pcsR-II 5'-A T I G T I G G I G T I C G/T A/G T T C/T T G A/T/G/C C T/G A/T/C/G C C -3'

pcsF-II 5'- G C I A T G A A A/G A/C G I G A I T A C/T G A A/G G A -3'

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Using standard PCR conditions (50°C annealing temperature) and solutions, the primer sets pcsF-I/pcsR-II and pcsF-II/pcsR-II were used to amplify genetic sequences from pooled *Eucalyptus* spp. cDNA. In the first reaction primers pcsF-I and pcsR-II were used to generate a fragment approximately 700 bp in length. In the second PCR reaction, which used primers
30 pcsF-II and pcsR-II, a fragment estimated to 700 bp was obtained. The sizes of the PCR

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fragments are within the size range estimated for the corresponding *Arabidopsis thaliana* sequences.

We conclude that the amplified *Eucalyptus ssp.* PCR fragments are likely to be related to the
5 *Arabidopsis thaliana* *RSW1* gene and may encode at least a part of the *Eucalyptus ssp.* cellulose synthase catalytic subunit.

The *Eucalyptus ssp.* PCR clones described herein are sequenced as described in the preceding Examples and used to isolate the corresponding full-length *Eucalyptus ssp* cDNAs and
10 genomic gene equivalents. Those skilled in the art will be aware that such gene sequences are useful for the production of transgenic plants, in particular transgenic *Eucalyptus ssp* plants having altered cellulose content and/or quality, using standard techniques. The present invention extends to all such genetic sequences and applications therefor.

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EXAMPLE 13

NON-CRYSTALLINE B-1,4-GLUCAN AS A MODIFIER OF CELL WALL PROPERTIES

20 The properties of plant cell walls depend on the carbohydrates, proteins and other polymers of which they are composed and the complex ways in which they interact. Increasing the quantities of non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan in cell walls affects those wall properties which influence mechanical, nutritional and many other qualities as well as having secondary consequences resulting from the diversion of carbon into non-crystalline glucan at the expense
25 of other uses. To illustrate one of these effects, we investigated the ability of the non-crystalline glucan to hydrogen bond to other wall components particularly cellulose in the way that has been shown to be important for wall mechanics.

Hemicelluloses such as xyloglucans cross-link cellulose microfibrils by hydrogen bonding to
30 the microfibril surface (Levy *et al.*, 1991). Since the β -1,4-glucan backbone of xyloglucan is

thought to be responsible for hydrogen bonding (with the xylose, galactose and fucose substitutions limiting the capacity to form further hydrogen bonds) we can expect the non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan also to have a capacity to hydrogen bond and cross link cellulose. The effectiveness of strong alkalis in extracting xyloglucans is thought to relate to their disruption

John Wilson (Haverhill and MacLachlan 1984)

To demonstrate that the non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan forms similar associations with the cellulose microfibrils, we examined whether the 4 M KOH fraction, extracted from shoots of the *rsw1* mutant and from wild type *RSW1* plants, contained non-crystalline glucan in addition to xyloglucan. The non-crystalline glucan was separated from xyloglucan in the 4 M KOH extract by dialysing the neutralised extract against distilled water and centrifuging at 14000 g for 1 hour. The pellet was shown to be a pure β -1,4-glucan by using the methods for monosaccharide analysis, methylation analysis and enzyme digestion used to characterise the glucan in the ammonium oxalate fraction (see Example 1).

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Table 10 shows the presence of substantial quantities of glucan recovered in pure form in the pellet from 4 M KOH fractions extracted from the overproducing *rsw1* mutant of *Arabidopsis thaliana*. These data also demonstrate the presence of smaller quantities of non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan in the 4 M KOH fraction from wild type plants, compared to *rsw1*, particularly

TABLE 10

Glucose contents* of 4M KOH fractions from shoots of wild-type and *rsw1* mutant *Arabidopsis thaliana* plants

| | Glucose fraction | wild-type | | <i>rsw1</i> mutant | |
|----|--|-----------|------|--------------------|------|
| | | 21°C | 31°C | 21°C | 31°C |
| 25 | xyloglucan and non-crystalline glucan in whole extract | 36.4 | 56.9 | 27.1 | 93.1 |
| | non-crystalline glucan in pellet | 7.8 | 20.5 | 7.6 | 56.0 |

*, nmol glucose/ mg plant dry weight after TFA hydrolysis

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The monosaccharide composition of the supernatant remaining after centrifugation was determined after TFA hydrolysis. These data, and data from methylation analysis, are consistent with the supernatant being a relatively pure xyloglucan. The supernatant was free of glucan, because no glucose could be released by the endocellulase/ β -glucosidase mixture
5 that released glucose from β -1,4-glucan.

The presence of both non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan and xyloglucan in the 4 M KOH fraction, when taken together with the implications from structural predictions (Levy *et al*, 1991), is consistent with some of the non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan in the wall hydrogen bonding to
10 cellulose microfibrils in similar fashion to the β -1,4-glucan backbone of xyloglucan.

The cross linking provided when xyloglucans and other hemicelluloses bind to two or more microfibrils is an important determinant of the mechanical properties of cellulosic walls (Hayashi, 1989). The effects of increasing the amounts of non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan in walls
15 are likely to be greatest in walls which otherwise possess relatively low levels of cross linking as a result of high ratios of cellulose: hemicelluloses. Such conditions are common in secondary walls including those of various fibres, and the cellulose:hemicellulose ratio is particularly high in cotton fibres.

20 The effects on wall mechanical properties of overproducing non-crystalline glucan are shown by transforming plants with the mutant allele of *rsw1* (SEQ ID NO:11) operably under the control of either the *RSW1* promoter derived from SEQ ID NO:3 or SEQ ID NO:4 or alternatively, an appropriate constitutive promoter such as the CaMV 35S promoter. Production of non-crystalline glucan is quantified by fractionating the cell walls using the
25 methods described above to show in particular that non-crystalline glucan is recovered in the 4 M KOH fraction. Mechanical properties of the cell walls are measured using standard methods for fibre analysis to study parameters such as stress-strain curves, and breaking strain, amongst other properties.

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EXAMPLE 14
OVER-EXPRESSION OF CELLULOSE SYNTHASE
IN TRANSGENIC PLANTS

~~are used to over-express cellulose synthase in *Arabidopsis thaliana*~~
plants.

In the first strategy, the CaMV 35S promoter sequence is operably connected to the full-length cellulose synthase cDNA which is obtainable by primer extension of SEQ ID NO:1. This is
10 achievable by cloning the full-length cDNA encoding cellulose synthase, in the sense orientation, between the CaMV 35S promoter or other suitable promoter operable in plants and the nopaline synthase terminator sequences of the binary plasmid pBI121.

In the second strategy, the coding part of the genomic gene is cloned, in the sense orientation,
15 between the CaMV 35S promoter and the nopaline synthase terminator sequences of the binary plasmid pBI121.

In the third strategy, the 23H12 binary cosmid clone or the derivative pRSW1, containing the cellulose synthase gene sequence operably under the control of the cellulose synthase gene
20 promoter and terminator sequences is prepared in a form suitable for transformation of plant tissue.

For *Agrobacterium*-mediated tissue transformation, binary plasmid constructs discussed *supra* are transformed into *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* strain AGL1 or other suitable strain. The
25 recombinant DNA constructs are then introduced into wild type *Arabidopsis thaliana* plants (Columbia ecotype), as described in the preceding Examples.

Alternatively, plant tissue is directly transformed using the vacuum infiltration method described by Beshtold *et al.* (1993).

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The transgenic plants thus produced exhibit a range of phenotypes, partly because of position effects and variable levels of expression of the cellulose synthase transgene.

Cellulose content in the transgenic plants and isogenic untransformed control plants is
5 determined by the ^{14}C incorporation assay or as acetic/nitric acid insoluble material as described in Example 1. In general, the level of cellulose deposition and rates of cellulose biosynthesis in the transgenic plants are significantly greater than for untransformed control plants.

10 Furthermore, in some cases, co-suppression leads to mimicry of the *rsw1* mutant phenotype.

EXAMPLE 15

SITE-DIRECTED MUTAGENESIS OF THE *RSW1* GENE

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The nucleotide sequence of the *RSW1* gene contained in 23H12 is mutated using site-directed mutagenesis, at several positions to alter its catalytic activity or substrate affinity or glucan properties. In one example, the *RSW1* gene is mutated to comprise one or more mutations present in the mutant *rsw1* allele.

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The mutated genetic sequences are cloned into binary plasmid described in the preceding Examples, in place of the wild-type sequences. Plant tissue obtained from both wild-type *Arabidopsis thaliana* (Columbia) plants and *A. thaliana rsw1* plants is transformed as described herein and whole plants are regenerated.

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Control transformations are performed using the wild-type cellulose synthase gene sequence.

EXAMPLE 16

PHENOTYPES OF PLANTS EXPRESSING MUTATED *RSW1* GENES

Plants transformed with genetic constructs described in Example 15 (and elsewhere) are analysed for the number of transgene copies to eliminate variability arising therefrom. Plants expressing single copies of different transgenes are analysed further for cell wall components, including cellulose, non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan polymer, starch and carbohydrate content.

10 1. Cellulose content

Cellulose content in the transgenic plants is determined by the ^{14}C incorporation assay as described in Example 1. Cell walls are prepared, fractionated and the monosaccharide composition of individual fractions determined as in Example 1.

15 2. Non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan content

Transgenic plants expressing the *rsw1* mutant allele exhibit a higher level of non-crystalline, and therefore extractable, β -1,4-glucan in cell walls compared to plants expressing an additional copy of the wild-type *RSW1* allele. Thus, it is possible to change the crystallinity of the β -1,4-glucan chains present in the cell wall by mutation of the wild-type *RSW1* allele.

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3. Starch content

Transgenic plants are also analysed to determine the effect of mutagenesis of the *RSW1* gene on the level of starch deposited in their roots. The quantity of starch present in material prepared from the crude wall fraction is determined using the anthrone/ H_2SO_4 method described in Example 1. The data show that mutating the *RSW1* gene to the mutant *rsw1* allele increases starch deposition. This demonstrates that the gene can be used to alter the partitioning of carbon into carbohydrates other than cellulose.

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4. Cell wall composition

30 The cell wall composition of transgenic plant material is also analysed. Wild type and *rsw1*

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and transgenic seedlings are grown for 2 d at 21°C and then kept for a further 5 d at either 21°C or 31°C. With transfer to 31°C when the seed has scarcely germinated, the wall composition at final harvest largely reflects the operation of the mutated *rsw1* gene product at its restrictive temperature. Cell wall fractionation is carried out in similar fashion to that described for the ¹⁴C-experiment (Example 1) and the monosaccharide composition of each fraction is quantified by GC/MS after hydrolysis with trifluoroacetic acid or, in the case of crystalline cellulose, H₂SO₄.

In some transgenic plants in which the *RSW1* gene is mutated, the monosaccharide composition is comparable to that observed for homozygous *rsw1* plants, at least in some cases, confirming that there is a major reduction in the quantity of crystalline cellulose in the final, acid insoluble fraction. Thus, mutation of the *RSW1* gene can be performed to produce changes in the composition of plant cell walls.

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EXAMPLE 17**CHEMICAL MODIFICATION OF THE *RSW1* GENE TO MANIPULATE CELLULOSE PRODUCTION AND PLANT CELL WALL CONTENT.**

As demonstrated in the preceding Examples, the *RSW1* gene is involved in cellulose production and the manipulation of cell wall content.

In the present Example, to identify novel phenotypes and gene sequences important for the normal functioning of the cellulose synthase gene, the *RSW1* gene is modified *in planta*, using the chemical mutagen EMS. The mutant plants are identified following germination and the modified *RSW1* genes are isolated and characterised at the nucleotide sequence level. A sequence comparison between the mutant gene sequences and the wild type sequence reveals nucleotides which encode amino acids important to the normal catalytic activity of the cellulose synthase enzyme, at least in *Arabidopsis thaliana* plants.

This approach thus generates further gene sequences of utility in the modification of cellulose

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content and properties in plants.

EXAMPLE 18

DISCUSSION

Five pieces of evidence make a compelling case that the RSW1 gene product encodes the catalytic subunit of cellulose synthase:

1. The *rsw1* mutation selectively inhibits cellulose synthesis and promotes accumulation of a non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan;
- 10 2. The *rsw1* mutation removes cellulose synthase complexes from the plasma membrane, providing a plausible mechanism for reduced cellulose accumulation and placing the RSW1 product either in the complexes or interacting with them;
3. The D,D,D,QXXRW signature identifies the RSW1 gene product as a processive glycosyl transferase enzyme (Saxena, 1995);
- 15 4. The wild type allele corrects the temperature sensitive phenotype of the *rsw1* mutant; and
5. Antisense expression of the *RSW1* in transgenic plants grown at 21 °C reproduces some of the phenotype of *rsw1* which is observed following growth at 31 °C.

- 20 Consistent with the plasma membrane location expected for a catalytic subunit, the putative 122 kDa RSW1 product contains 8 predicted membrane-spanning regions. Six of these regions cluster near the C-terminus (Figure 10), separated from the other two by a domain that is probably cytoplasmic and has the weak sequence similarities to prokaryotic glycosyl transferases (Wong, 1990; Saxena, 1990 ; Matthyse, 1995; Sofia, 1994 ; Kutish, 1996).

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- RSW1 therefore qualifies as a member of the large family of *Arabidopsis thaliana* genes whose members show weak similarities to bacterial cellulose synthase. RSW1 is the first member of that family to be rigorously identified as an authentic cellulose synthase. Among the diverse genes in *A. thaliana*, at least two genes show very strong sequence similarities to
- 30 the *RSW1* gene and are most likely members of a highly conserved sub-family involved in

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cellulose synthesis. The closely related sequences come from cosmid 12C4, a partial genomic clone cross-hybridising with EST T20782 designated *Ath-A*, and from a full length cDNA designated *Ath-B*.

- 5 *Ath-A* resembles *RSW1* (SEQ ID NO:5) at its N-terminus whereas *Ath-B* starts 22 amino acid residues downstream [Figure 8 and Figure 9(i), (ii) and (iii)]. Closely related sequences in other angiosperms are the rice EST S0542 [Figure 9(i), (ii) and (iii)], which resembles the polypeptides encoded by *RSW1* and *Ath-A* and the cotton *celA1* gene (Pear, 1996) at the N-terminus.

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The *Arabidopsis thaliana*, rice and cotton genes have regions of very high sequence similarity interspersed with variable regions (Figures 9 and 10). Most of the highest conservation among those gene products occurs in their central cytoplasmic domain where the weak similarities to the bacterial cellulose synthase occur. The N-terminal region that precedes the first
15 membrane spanning region is probably also cytoplasmic but shows many amino acid substitutions as well as sequences in *RSW1* that have no counterpart in some of the other genes as already noted for *celA*. An exception to this is a region comprising 7 cysteine residues with highly conserved spacings (Figure 10). This is reminiscent of regions suggested to mediate protein-protein and protein-lipid interactions in diverse proteins including
20 transcriptional regulators and may account for the striking sequence similarity between this region of *RSW1* and two putative soybean bZIP transcription factors (Genbank SOYSTF1A and 1B).

In conclusion, the chemical and ultrastructural changes seen in the cellulose-deficient mutant
25 combine with gene cloning and complementation of the mutant to provide strong evidence that the *RSW1* locus encodes the catalytic subunit of cellulose synthase. Accumulation of non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan in the shoot of the *rsw1* mutant suggests that properties affected by the mutation are required for glucan chains to assemble into microfibrils. Whilst not being bound by any theory or mode of action, a key property may be the aggregation of catalytic
30 subunits into plasma membrane rosettes. At the restrictive temperature, mutant synthase

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complexes disassemble to monomers (or smaller oligomers) that are undetectable by freeze etching. At least in the shoot, the monomers seem to remain biosynthetically active but their β -1,4-glucan products fail to crystallise into microfibrils probably because the chains are growing from dispersed sites. Crystallisation into microfibrils, with all its consequences for

aggregated as plasma membrane rosettes.

Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the invention described herein is susceptible to variations and modifications other than those specifically described. It is to be understood that
10 the invention includes all such variations and modifications. The invention also includes all of the steps, features, compositions and compounds referred to or indicated in this specification, individually or collectively, and any and all combinations or any two or more of said steps or features.

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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
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- (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
- (iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO
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(A) ORGANISM: Arabidopsis thaliana
(B) STRAIN: Columbia
- 25 (vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:
(B) CLONE: 12C4
- (ix) FEATURE:
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(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

15 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: Arabidopsis thaliana
(B) STRAIN: Columbia

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(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:

- (B) CLONE: RSW1 cDNA

(ix) FEATURE:

- 25 (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 1..3243

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 Pro Val Asp Val Phe Val Ser Thr Val Asp Pro Leu Lys Glu Pro Pro
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5 CTT GTT ACA GCA AAC ACA GTT CTC TCG ATT CTT TCT GTG GAC TAC CCG 1152
 Leu Val Thr Ala Asn Thr Val Leu Ser Ile Leu Ser Val Asp Tyr Pro

GTA GAT AAA GTA GCC TGT TAT GTT TCA GAT GAT GGT TCA GCT ATG CTT 1200
 10 Val Asp Lys Val Ala Cys Tyr Val Ser Asp Asp Gly Ser Ala Met Leu
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ACC TTT GAA TCC CTT TCT GAA ACC GCT GAG TTT GCA AAG AAA TGG GTA 1248
 Thr Phe Glu Ser Leu Ser Glu Thr Ala Glu Phe Ala Lys Lys Trp Val
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20 TTT GCC CAG AAG ATA GAT TAC TTG AAG GAC AAG ATC CAA CCG TCT TTT 1344
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25 GTT AAA GAG CGA CGA GCT ATG AAG AGA GAG TAT GAA GAG TTT AAA GTG 1392
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 30 Arg Ile Asn Ala Leu Val Ala Lys Ala Gln Lys Ile Pro Glu Glu Gly
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TGG ACA ATG CAG GAT GGT ACT CCC TGG CCT GGT AAC AAC ACT AGA GAT 1488
 Trp Thr Met Gln Asp Gly Thr Pro Trp Pro Gly Asn Asn Thr Arg Asp
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CAT CCT GGA ATG ATA CAG GTG TTC TTA GGC CAT AGT GGG GGT CTG GAT 1536
 His Pro Gly Met Ile Gln Val Phe Leu Gly His Ser Gly Gly Leu Asp
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| | Thr Asp Gly Asn Glu Leu Pro Arg Leu Ile Tyr Val Ser Arg Glu Lys | |
| | 515 520 525 | |
| 5 | CGG CCT GGA TTT CAA CAC CAC AAA AAG GCT GGA GCT ATG AAT GCA TTG | 1632 |
| | Arg Pro Gly Phe Gln His His Lys Lys Ala Gly Ala Met Asn Ala Leu | |
| | 530 535 540 | |
| | ATC CGT GTA TCT GCT GTT CTT ACC AAT GGA GCA TAT CTT TTG AAC GTG | 1680 |
| 10 | Ile Arg Val Ser Ala Val Leu Thr Asn Gly Ala Tyr Leu Leu Asn Val | |
| | 545 550 555 560 | |
| | GAT TGT GAT CAT TAC TTT AAT AAC AGT AAG GCT ATT AAA GAA GCT ATG | 1728 |
| | Asp Cys Asp His Tyr Phe Asn Asn Ser Lys Ala Ile Lys Glu Ala Met | |
| 15 | 565 570 575 | |
| | TGT TTC ATG ATG GAC CCG GCT ATT GGA AAG AAG TGC TGC TAT GTC CAG | 1776 |
| | Cys Phe Met Met Asp Pro Ala Ile Gly Lys Lys Cys Cys Tyr Val Gln | |
| | 580 585 590 | |
| 20 | TTC CCT CAA CGT TTT GAC GGT ATT GAT TTG CAC GAT CGA TAT GCC AAC | 1824 |
| | Phe Pro Gln Arg Phe Asp Gly Ile Asp Leu His Asp Arg Tyr Ala Asn | |
| | 595 600 605 | |
| 25 | AGG AAT ATA GTC TTT TTC GAT ATT AAC ATG AAG GGG TTG GAT GGT ATC | 1872 |
| | Arg Asn Ile Val Phe Phe Asp Ile Asn Met Lys Gly Leu Asp Gly Ile | |
| | 610 615 620 | |
| | CAG GGT CCA GTA TAT GTG GGT ACT GGT TGT TGT TTT AAT AGG CAG GCT | 1920 |
| 30 | Gln Gly Pro Val Tyr Val Gly Thr Gly Cys Cys Phe Asn Arg Gln Ala | |
| | 625 630 635 640 | |
| | CTA TAT GGG TAT GAT CCT GTT TTG ACG GAA GAA GAT TTA GAA CCA AAT | 1968 |
| | Leu Tyr Gly Tyr Asp Pro Val Leu Thr Glu Glu Asp Leu Glu Pro Asn | |
| 35 | 645 650 655 | |
| | ATT ATT GTC AAG AGC TGT TGC GGG TCA AGG AAG AAA GGT AAA AGT AGC | 2016 |
| | Ile Ile Val Lys Ser Cys Cys Gly Ser Arg Lys Lys Gly Lys Ser Ser | |
| | 660 665 670 | |

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 675 680 685

5 AAT GCT CCA CTT TTC AAT ATG GAG GAC ATC GAT GAG GGT TTT GAA GGT 2112
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 10 Tyr Asp Asp Glu Arg Ser Ile Leu Met Ser Gln Arg Ser Val Glu Lys
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25 GAG ATT GGT TGG ATC TAT GGT TCC GTG ACG GAA GAT ATT CTT ACT GGG 2352
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 785 790 795 800

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| | 835 840 845 | |
| 5 | GAG AGG ATC GCT TAT ATC AAC ACC ATC GTC TAT CCT ATT ACA TCC ATC | 2592 |
| | Glu Arg Ile Ala Tyr Ile Asn Thr Ile Val Tyr Pro Ile Thr Ser Ile | |
| | 850 855 860 | |
| | CCT CTT ATT GCG TAT TGT ATT CTT CCC GCT TTT TGT CTC ATC ACC GAC | 2640 |
| 10 | Pro Leu Ile Ala Tyr Cys Ile Leu Pro Ala Phe Cys Leu Ile Thr Asp | |
| | 865 870 875 880 | |
| | AGA TTC ATC ATA CCC GAG ATA AGC AAC TAC GCG AGT ATT TGG TTC ATT | 2688 |
| | Arg Phe Ile Ile Pro Glu Ile Ser Asn Tyr Ala Ser Ile Trp Phe Ile | |
| 15 | 885 890 895 | |
| | CTA CTC TTC ATC TCA ATT GCT GTG ACT GGA ATC CTG GAG CTG AGA TGG | 2736 |
| | Leu Leu Phe Ile Ser Ile Ala Val Thr Gly Ile Leu Glu Leu Arg Trp | |
| | 900 905 910 | |
| 20 | AGC GGT GTG AGC ATT GAG GAT TGG TGG AGG AAC GAG CAG TTC TGG GTC | 2784 |
| | Ser Gly Val Ser Ile Glu Asp Trp Trp Arg Asn Glu Gln Phe Trp Val | |
| | 915 920 925 | |
| 25 | ATT GGT GGC ACA TCC GCC CAT CTT TTT GCT GTC TTC CAA GGT CTA CTT | 2832 |
| | Ile Gly Gly Thr Ser Ala His Leu Phe Ala Val Phe Gln Gly Leu Leu | |
| | 930 935 940 | |
| | AAG GTT CTT GCT GGT ATC GAC ACC AAC TTC ACC GTT ACA TCT AAA GCC | 2880 |
| 30 | Lys Val Leu Ala Gly Ile Asp Thr Asn Phe Thr Val Thr Ser Lys Ala | |
| | 945 950 955 960 | |
| | ACA GAC GAA GAT GGG GAT TTT GCA GAA CTC TAC ATC TTC AAA TGG ACA | 2928 |
| | Thr Asp Glu Asp Gly Asp Phe Ala Glu Leu Tyr Ile Phe Lys Trp Thr | |
| 35 | 965 970 975 | |
| | GCT CTT CTC ATT CCA CCA ACC ACC GTC CTA CTT GTG AAC CTC ATA GGC | 2976 |
| | Ala Leu Leu Ile Pro Pro Thr Thr Val Leu Leu Val Asn Leu Ile Gly | |
| | 980 985 990 | |

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5 GGT CCG CTT TTC GGG AAG CTC TTC TTC GCC TTA TGG GTT ATT GCC CAT 3072
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CCAGTGAACC GGGCAGTTAA GGTGATTCCA TGTCCAAGAT TAGCTTTCTC CGAGTAGCCA 3383

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 30 GACCCAAATG ATACATAGTC TACAAAAAGA ATTTGTTATT CTTTCTTATA TTTATTTTAT 3503

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

40 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

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(A) LENGTH: 1081 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

5 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:6:

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15 Asn Met Asn Gly Gln Ile Cys Gln Ile Cys Gly Asp Asp Val Gly Leu
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Ala Glu Thr Gly Asp Val Phe Val Ala Cys Asn Glu Cys Ala Phe Pro
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20 Val Cys Arg Pro Cys Tyr Glu Tyr Glu Arg Lys Asp Gly Thr Gln Cys
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Cys Pro Gln Cys Lys Thr Arg Phe Arg Arg His Arg Gly Ser Pro Arg
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Val Glu Gly Asp Glu Asp Glu Asp Asp Val Asp Asp Ile Glu Asn Glu
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Glu Glu Phe Ser Ser Ser Ser Arg His Glu Ser Gln Pro Ile Pro Leu
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35 Leu Thr His Gly His Thr Val Ser Gly Glu Ile Arg Thr Pro Asp Thr
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Gln Ser Val Arg Thr Thr Ser Gly Pro Leu Gly Pro Ser Asp Arg Asn
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10 Met Leu Gln Met Thr Gly Lys Tyr His Glu Gly Lys Gly Gly Glu Ile
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Glu Gly Thr Gly Ser Asn Gly Glu Glu Leu Gln Met Ala Asp Asp Thr
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15 Arg Leu Pro Met Ser Arg Val Val Pro Ile Pro Ser Ser Arg Leu Thr
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25 Leu Thr Ser Val Ile Cys Glu Ile Trp Phe Ala Phe Ser Trp Leu Leu
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30 Arg Leu Ala Ile Arg Tyr Asp Arg Asp Gly Glu Pro Ser Gln Leu Val
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Leu Val Thr Ala Asn Thr Val Leu Ser Ile Leu Ser Val Asp Tyr Pro
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 Pro Phe Cys Lys Lys Phe Asn Ile Glu Pro Arg Ala Pro Glu Phe Tyr
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 10 Phe Ala Gln Lys Ile Asp Tyr Leu Lys Asp Lys Ile Gln Pro Ser Phe
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 Val Lys Glu Arg Arg Ala Met Lys Arg Glu Tyr Glu Glu Phe Lys Val
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 15 Arg Ile Asn Ala Leu Val Ala Lys Ala Gln Lys Ile Pro Glu Glu Gly
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 Trp Thr Met Gln Asp Gly Thr Pro Trp Pro Gly Asn Asn Thr Arg Asp
 20 485 490 495
 His Pro Gly Met Ile Gln Val Phe Leu Gly His Ser Gly Gly Leu Asp
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 25 Thr Asp Gly Asn Glu Leu Pro Arg Leu Ile Tyr Val Ser Arg Glu Lys
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 Arg Pro Gly Phe Gln His His Lys Lys Ala Gly Ala Met Asn Ala Leu
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 30 Ile Arg Val Ser Ala Val Leu Thr Asn Gly Ala Tyr Leu Leu Asn Val
 545 550 555 560
 Asp Cys Asp His Tyr Phe Asn Asn Ser Lys Ala Ile Lys Glu Ala Met
 35 565 570 575
 Cys Phe Met Met Asp Pro Ala Ile Gly Lys Lys Cys Cys Tyr Val Gln
 580 585 590

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Phe Pro Gln Arg Phe Asp Gly Ile Asp Leu His Asp Arg Tyr Ala Asn
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 Arg Asn Ile Val Phe Phe Asp Ile Asn Met Lys Gly Leu Asp Gly Ile
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 10 Leu Tyr Gly Tyr Asp Pro Val Leu Thr Glu Glu Asp Leu Glu Pro Asn
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 15 Lys Lys Tyr Asn Tyr Glu Lys Arg Arg Gly Ile Asn Arg Ser Asp Ser
 675 680 685
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 20 690 695 700
 Tyr Asp Asp Glu Arg Ser Ile Leu Met Ser Gln Arg Ser Val Glu Lys
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 Phe Lys Met His Ala Arg Gly Trp Ile Ser Ile Tyr Cys Asn Pro Pro
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5 Asn Gln Val Leu Arg Trp Ala Leu Gly Ser Ile Glu Ile Leu Leu Ser
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10 Glu Arg Ile Ala Tyr Ile Asn Thr Ile Val Tyr Pro Ile Thr Ser Ile
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15 Arg Phe Ile Ile Pro Glu Ile Ser Asn Tyr Ala Ser Ile Trp Phe Ile
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Ser Gly Val Ser Ile Glu Asp Trp Trp Arg Asn Glu Gln Phe Trp Val
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25 Ile Gly Gly Thr Ser Ala His Leu Phe Ala Val Phe Gln Gly Leu Leu
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Lys Val Leu Ala Gly Ile Asp Thr Asn Phe Thr Val Thr Ser Lys Ala
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30 Thr Asp Glu Asp Gly Asp Phe Ala Glu Leu Tyr Ile Phe Lys Trp Thr
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Ala Leu Leu Ile Pro Pro Thr Thr Val Leu Leu Val Asn Leu Ile Gly
 35 980 985 990

Ile Val Ala Gly Val Ser Tyr Ala Val Asn Ser Gly Tyr Gln Ser Trp
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Gly Pro Leu Phe Gly Lys Leu Phe Phe Ala Leu Trp Val Ile Ala His

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Leu Tyr Pro Phe Leu Lys Gly Leu Leu Gly Arg Gln Asn Arg Thr Pro

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10 Leu Trp Val Arg Ile Asn Pro Phe Val Asp Ala Asn Pro Asn Ala Asn

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Asn Phe Asn Gly Lys Gly Gly Val Phe

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:7:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 3828 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: Arabidopsis thaliana

(B) STRAIN: Columbia

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(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:

(B) CLONE: Ath-A

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(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: CDS

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(B) LOCATION: 239..3490

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:7:

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 10 ATGCTCTGAA TCTGTATGTA ATGGGAGTTC AACAGTCTGG ATCCATTATC CTAGCCGGGT 180
 CGGGTCAAGG TCTTTGAATA AGAGAGACAA TTCGTTTGA TTCGGTGTAG AAGACATC 238
 ATG AAT ACT GGT GGT CGG CTC ATT GCT GGC TCT CAC AAC AGA AAC GAA 286
 15 Met Asn Thr Gly Gly Arg Leu Ile Ala Gly Ser His Asn Arg Asn Glu
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 Phe Val Leu Ile Asn Ala Asp Glu Ser Ala Arg Ile Arg Ser Val Gln
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 25 ACG GTT AGC AGT GAG CTC TTT GTT GCT TGC AAC GAA TGC GCA TTC CCG 430
 Thr Val Ser Ser Glu Leu Phe Val Ala Cys Asn Glu Cys Ala Phe Pro
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 30 GTT TGT AGA CCA TGC TAT GAG TAT GAA CGT AGA GAA GGA AAT CAA GCT 478
 Val Cys Arg Pro Cys Tyr Glu Tyr Glu Arg Arg Glu Gly Asn Gln Ala
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 35 Cys Pro Gln Cys Lys Thr Arg Tyr Lys Arg Ile Lys Gly Ser Pro Arg
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 GTT GAT GGA GAT GAT GAA GAA GAA GAA GAC ATT GAT GAT CTT GAG TAT 574
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5 TCT TCA CGC CTT AAC ACC GGT CGT GGT GGA TTG GAT TCA GCT CCA CCT 670
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TAT TCT GAT CGT CAT GCT CTT ATC GTG CCT CCT TCA ACG GGA TAT GGG 766
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| 5 | CTT TTC TTT CAT TAT AGA ATT CTC CAT CCA GTC AAT GAT GCA TAT GGA | 1150 |
| | Leu Phe Phe His Tyr Arg Ile Leu His Pro Val Asn Asp Ala Tyr Gly | |
| | 290 295 300 | |
| | TTA TGG TTA ACG TCA GTT ATA TGC GAA ATA TGG TTT GCA GTG TCT TGG | 1198 |
| 10 | Leu Trp Leu Thr Ser Val Ile Cys Glu Ile Trp Phe Ala Val Ser Trp | |
| | 305 310 315 320 | |
| | ATT CTT GAT CAA TTC CCC AAA TGG TAT CCT ATA GAA CGT GAA ACA TAC | 1246 |
| | Ile Leu Asp Gln Phe Pro Lys Trp Tyr Pro Ile Glu Arg Glu Thr Tyr | |
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| | CTC GAT AGA CTC TCT CTC AGG TAC GAG AAG GAA GGA AAA CCG TCA GGA | 1294 |
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| | 340 345 350 | |
| 20 | TTA GCA CCT GTT GAT GTT TTT GTT AGT ACA GTG GAT CCG TTG AAA GAG | 1342 |
| | Leu Ala Pro Val Asp Val Phe Val Ser Thr Val Asp Pro Leu Lys Glu | |
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| | TGG GTT CCT TTT TGT AAG AAG TTT AAT ATC GAG CCA CGA GCT CCT GAG | 1534 |
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 465 470 475 480

GAA CGT TGG ACT ATG CAA GAT GGA ACT CCT TGG CCT GGA AAC AAC GTC 1726
 Glu Arg Trp Thr Met Gln Asp Gly Thr Pro Trp Pro Gly Asn Asn Val
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CGT GAC CAT CCT GGA ATG ATT CAG GTG TTC TTG GGT CAT AGT GGA GTT 1774
 Arg Asp His Pro Gly Met Ile Gln Val Phe Leu Gly His Ser Gly Val
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 530 535 540

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 Asn Val Asp Cys Asp His Tyr Ile Asn Asn Ser Lys Ala Ile Arg Glu
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TCT ATG TGT TTC ATG ATG GAC CCG CAA TCG GGA AAG AAA GTT TGT TAT 2014
 Ser Met Cys Phe Met Met Asp Pro Gln Ser Gly Lys Lys Val Cys Tyr
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| | GTT CAG TTT CCG CAG AGA TTT GAT GGG ATT GAT AGA CAT GAT AGA TAC | 2062 |
| | Val Gln Phe Pro Gln Arg Phe Asp Gly Ile Asp Arg His Asp Arg Tyr | |
| | 595 600 605 | |
| 5 | TCA AAC CGT AAC GTT GTG TTC TTT GAT ATT AAC ATG AAA GGT CTT GAT | 2110 |
| | Ser Asn Arg Asn Val Val Phe Phe Asp Ile Asn Met Lys Gly Leu Asp | |
| | 610 615 620 | |
| | GGG ATA CAA GGA CCG ATA TAT GTC GGG ACA GGT TGT GTG TTT AGA AAA | 2158 |
| 10 | Gly Ile Gln Gly Pro Ile Tyr Val Gly Thr Gly Cys Val Phe Arg Lys | |
| | 625 630 635 640 | |
| | CAG GCT CTT TAT GGT TTT GAT GCA CCA AAG AAG AAG AAA CCA CCA GGC | 2206 |
| | Gln Ala Leu Tyr Gly Phe Asp Ala Pro Lys Lys Lys Lys Pro Pro Gly | |
| 15 | 645 650 655 | |
| | AAA ACC TGT AAC TGT TGG CCT AAA TGG TGT TGT TTG TGT TGT GGG TTG | 2254 |
| | Lys Thr Cys Asn Cys Trp Pro Lys Trp Cys Cys Leu Cys Cys Gly Leu | |
| | 660 665 670 | |
| 20 | AGA AAG AAG AGT AAA ACG AAA GCC ACA GAT AAG AAA ACT AAC ACT AAA | 2302 |
| | Arg Lys Lys Ser Lys Thr Lys Ala Thr Asp Lys Lys Thr Asn Thr Lys | |
| | 675 680 685 | |
| 25 | GAG ACT TCA AAG CAG ATT CAT GCG CTA GAG AAT GTC GAC GAA GGT GTT | 2350 |
| | Glu Thr Ser Lys Gln Ile His Ala Leu Glu Asn Val Asp Glu Gly Val | |
| | 690 695 700 | |
| | ATC GTC CCA GTG TCA AAT GTT GAG AAG AGA TCT GAA GCA ACA CAA TTG | 2398 |
| 30 | Ile Val Pro Val Ser Asn Val Glu Lys Arg Ser Glu Ala Thr Gln Leu | |
| | 705 710 715 720 | |
| | AAA TTG GAG AAG AAG TTT GGA CAA TCT CCG GTT TTC GTT GCC TCT GCT | 2446 |
| | Lys Leu Glu Lys Lys Phe Gly Gln Ser Pro Val Phe Val Ala Ser Ala | |
| 35 | 725 730 735 | |
| | GTT CTA CAG AAC GGT GGA GTT CCC CGT AAC GCA AGC CCC GCA TGT TTG | 2494 |
| | Val Leu Gln Asn Gly Gly Val Pro Arg Asn Ala Ser Pro Ala Cys Leu | |
| | 740 745 750 | |

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TTA AGA GAA GCC ATT CAA GTT ATT AGC TGC GGG TAC CAA GAT AAA ACC 2542
 Leu Arg Glu Ala Ile Gln Val Ile Ser Cys Gly Tyr Gln Asp Lys Thr
 755 760 765

5 GAA TGG GGA AAA GAG ATC GGG TGG ATT TAT GGA TCG GTG ACT GAA GAT 2590
 Glu Trp Gly Lys Glu Ile Gly Trp Ile Tyr Gly Ser Val Thr Glu Asp

ATC CTG ACG GGT TTC AAG ATG CAT TGC CAT GGA TGG AGA TCT GTG TAC 2638
 10 Ile Leu Thr Gly Phe Lys Met His Cys His Gly Trp Arg Ser Val Tyr
 785 790 795 800

TGT ATG CCT AAG CGT GCA GCT TTT AAA GGA TCT GCT CCT ATT AAC TTG 2686
 Cys Met Pro Lys Arg Ala Ala Phe Lys Gly Ser Ala Pro Ile Asn Leu
 15 805 810 815

TCA GAT CGT CTT CAT CAA GTT CTA CGT TGG GCT CTT GGC TCT GTA GAG 2734
 Ser Asp Arg Leu His Gln Val Leu Arg Trp Ala Leu Gly Ser Val Glu
 820 825 830

20 ATT TTC TTG AGC AGA CAT TGT CCG ATA TGG TAT GGT TAT GGT GGT GGT 2782
 Ile Phe Leu Ser Arg His Cys Pro Ile Trp Tyr Gly Tyr Gly Gly Gly
 835 840 845

25 TTA AAA TGG TTG GAG AGA TTC TCT TAC ATC AAC TCT GTC GTC TAT CCT 2830
 Leu Lys Trp Leu Glu Arg Phe Ser Tyr Ile Asn Ser Val Val Tyr Pro
 850 855 860

TGG ACT TCA CTT CCA TTG ATC GTC TAT TGT TCT CTC CCC GCG GTT TGT 2878
 30 Trp Thr Ser Leu Pro Leu Ile Val Tyr Cys Ser Leu Pro Ala Val Cys
 865 870 875 880

TTA CTC ACA GGA AAA TTC ATC GTC CCT GAG ATA AGC AAC TAC GCA GGT 2926
 Leu Leu Thr Gly Lys Phe Ile Val Pro Glu Ile Ser Asn Tyr Ala Gly
 35 885 890 895

ATA CTC TTC ATG CTC ATG TTC ATA TCC ATA GCA GTA ACT GGA ATC CTC 2974
 Ile Leu Phe Met Leu Met Phe Ile Ser Ile Ala Val Thr Gly Ile Leu
 900 905 910

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| | GAA ATG CAA TGG GGA GGT GTC GGA ATC GAT GAT TGG TGG AGA AAC GAG | 3022 |
| | Glu Met Gln Trp Gly Gly Val Gly Ile Asp Asp Trp Trp Arg Asn Glu | |
| | 915 920 925 | |
| 5 | CAG TTT TGG GTA ATC GGA GGG GCC TCC TCG CAT CTA TTT GCT CTG TTT | 3070 |
| | Gln Phe Trp Val Ile Gly Gly Ala Ser Ser His Leu Phe Ala Leu Phe | |
| | 930 935 940 | |
| | CAA GGT TTG CTC AAA GTT CTA GCC GGA GTT AAC ACG AAT TTC ACA GTC | 3118 |
| 10 | Gln Gly Leu Leu Lys Val Leu Ala Gly Val Asn Thr Asn Phe Thr Val | |
| | 945 950 955 960 | |
| | ACT TCA AAA GCA GCA GAC GAT GGA GCT TTC TCT GAG CTT TAC ATC TTC | 3166 |
| | Thr Ser Lys Ala Ala Asp Asp Gly Ala Phe Ser Glu Leu Tyr Ile Phe | |
| 15 | 965 970 975 | |
| | AAG TGG ACA ACT TTG TTG ATT CCT CCG ACA ACA CTT CTG ATC ATT AAC | 3214 |
| | Lys Trp Thr Thr Leu Leu Ile Pro Pro Thr Thr Leu Leu Ile Ile Asn | |
| | 980 985 990 | |
| 20 | | |
| | ATC ATT GGA GTT ATT GTC GGC GTT TCT GAT GCC ATT AGC AAT GGC TAT | 3262 |
| | Ile Ile Gly Val Ile Val Gly Val Ser Asp Ala Ile Ser Asn Gly Tyr | |
| | 995 1000 1005 | |
| 25 | GAC TCA TGG GGA CCT CTC TTT GGG AGA CTT TTC TTC GCT CTT TGG GTC | 3310 |
| | Asp Ser Trp Gly Pro Leu Phe Gly Arg Leu Phe Phe Ala Leu Trp Val | |
| | 1010 1015 1020 | |
| | ATT GTT CAT TTA TAC CCA TTC CTC AAG GGA ATG CTT GGG AAG CAA GAC | 3358 |
| 30 | Ile Val His Leu Tyr Pro Phe Leu Lys Gly Met Leu Gly Lys Gln Asp | |
| | 1025 1030 1035 1040 | |
| | AAA ATG CCT ACG ATT ATT GTG GTC TGG TCT ATT CTT CTA GCT TCG ATC | 3406 |
| | Lys Met Pro Thr Ile Ile Val Val Trp Ser Ile Leu Leu Ala Ser Ile | |
| 35 | 1045 1050 1055 | |
| | TTG ACA CTC TTG TGG GTC AGA ATT AAC CCG TTT GTG GCT AAA GGG GGA | 3454 |
| | Leu Thr Leu Leu Trp Val Arg Ile Asn Pro Phe Val Ala Lys Gly Gly | |
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CCA GTG TTG GAG ATC TGT GGT CTG AAT TGT GGA AAC TAAGATCCTC 3500
Pro Val Leu Glu Ile Cys Gly Leu Asn Cys Gly Asn
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5 AGTGAAAGAA GAGCAAAGGA GTTTGTGTTG GAGCTTTGGA AGCAAATGTG TTGATGATGA 3560

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10 TTTCTTTTTT ACATGTACTT TTAGTTATTC CGTAGTTATT GTATAATACT GATAACGATC 3740
ATATATACAC ACTTTGTAA CAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAAAAAAAAA AAAGCGGCCG 3800
15 CTCGAATTGT CGACGCGGCC GCGAATTC 3828

20 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 1084 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

25 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

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Met Asn Thr Gly Gly Arg Leu Ile Ala Gly Ser His Asn Arg Asn Glu
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Phe Val Leu Ile Asn Ala Asp Glu Ser Ala Arg Ile Arg Ser Val Gln
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Glu Leu Ser Gly Gln Thr Cys Gln Ile Cys Gly Asp Glu Ile Glu Leu
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Thr Val Ser Ser Glu Leu Phe Val Ala Cys Asn Glu Cys Ala Phe Pro
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Val Cys Arg Pro Cys Tyr Glu Tyr Glu Arg Arg Glu Gly Asn Gln Ala
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Cys Pro Gln Cys Lys Thr Arg Tyr Lys Arg Ile Lys Gly Ser Pro Arg
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10 Val Asp Gly Asp Asp Glu Glu Glu Glu Asp Ile Asp Asp Leu Glu Tyr
 100 105 110

Glu Phe Asp His Gly Met Asp Pro Glu His Ala Ala Glu Ala Ala Leu
 115 120 125

15 Ser Ser Arg Leu Asn Thr Gly Arg Gly Gly Leu Asp Ser Ala Pro Pro
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Gly Ser Gln Ile Pro Leu Leu Thr Tyr Cys Asp Glu Asp Ala Asp Met
 20 145 150 155 160

Tyr Ser Asp Arg His Ala Leu Ile Val Pro Pro Ser Thr Gly Tyr Gly
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25 Asn Arg Val Tyr Pro Ala Pro Phe Thr Asp Ser Ser Ala Pro Pro Gln
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Ala Arg Ser Met Val Pro Gln Lys Asp Ile Ala Glu Tyr Gly Tyr Gly
 195 200 205

30 Ser Val Ala Trp Lys Asp Arg Met Glu Val Trp Lys Arg Arg Gln Gly
 210 215 220

Glu Lys Leu Gln Val Ile Lys His Glu Gly Gly Asn Asn Gly Arg Gly
 35 225 230 235 240

Ser Asn Asp Asp Asp Glu Leu Asp Asp Pro Asp Met Pro Met Met Asp
 245 250 255

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Glu Gly Arg Gln Pro Leu Ser Arg Lys Leu Pro Ile Arg Ser Ser Arg
 260 265 270

Ile Asn Pro Tyr Arg Met Leu Ile Leu Cys Arg Leu Ala Ile Leu Gly
 5 275 280 285

290 295 300

10 Leu Trp Leu Thr Ser Val Ile Cys Glu Ile Trp Phe Ala Val Ser Trp
 305 310 315 320

Ile Leu Asp Gln Phe Pro Lys Trp Tyr Pro Ile Glu Arg Glu Thr Tyr
 325 330 335

15 Leu Asp Arg Leu Ser Leu Arg Tyr Glu Lys Glu Gly Lys Pro Ser Gly
 340 345 350

Leu Ala Pro Val Asp Val Phe Val Ser Thr Val Asp Pro Leu Lys Glu
 20 355 360 365

Pro Pro Leu Ile Thr Ala Asn Thr Val Leu Ser Ile Leu Ala Val Asp
 370 375 380

25 Tyr Pro Val Asp Lys Val Ala Cys Tyr Val Ser Asn Asn Gly Ala Ala
 385 390 395 400

Met Leu Thr Phe Glu Ala Leu Ser Asp Thr Ala Asp Phe Ala Thr Lys
 405 410 415

30 Trp Val Pro Phe Cys Lys Lys Phe Asn Ile Glu Pro Arg Ala Pro Glu
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Trp Tyr Phe Ser Gln Lys Met Asp Tyr Leu Lys Asn Lys Val His Pro
 35 435 440 445

Ala Phe Val Arg Glu Arg Arg Ala Met Lys Arg Asp Tyr Glu Glu Phe
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Lys Val Lys Ile Asn Ala Leu Val Ala Thr Ala Gln Lys Val Pro Glu
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Glu Arg Trp Thr Met Gln Asp Gly Thr Pro Trp Pro Gly Asn Asn Val
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Arg Asp His Pro Gly Met Ile Gln Val Phe Leu Gly His Ser Gly Val
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10 Arg Asp Thr Asp Gly Asn Glu Leu Pro Arg Leu Val Tyr Val Ser Arg
 515 520 525

Glu Lys Arg Pro Gly Phe Asp His His Lys Lys Ala Gly Ala Met Asn
 530 535 540

15 Ser Leu Ile Arg Val Ser Ala Val Leu Ser Asn Ala Pro Tyr Leu Leu
 545 550 555 560

Asn Val Asp Cys Asp His Tyr Ile Asn Asn Ser Lys Ala Ile Arg Glu
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Ser Met Cys Phe Met Met Asp Pro Gln Ser Gly Lys Lys Val Cys Tyr
 580 585 590

25 Val Gln Phe Pro Gln Arg Phe Asp Gly Ile Asp Arg His Asp Arg Tyr
 595 600 605

Ser Asn Arg Asn Val Val Phe Phe Asp Ile Asn Met Lys Gly Leu Asp
 610 615 620

30 Gly Ile Gln Gly Pro Ile Tyr Val Gly Thr Gly Cys Val Phe Arg Lys
 625 630 635 640

Gln Ala Leu Tyr Gly Phe Asp Ala Pro Lys Lys Lys Lys Pro Pro Gly
 35 645 650 655

Lys Thr Cys Asn Cys Trp Pro Lys Trp Cys Cys Leu Cys Cys Gly Leu
 660 665 670

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Arg Lys Lys Ser Lys Thr Lys Ala Thr Asp Lys Lys Thr Asn Thr Lys
 675 680 685

Glu Thr Ser Lys Gln Ile His Ala Leu Glu Asn Val Asp Glu Gly Val
 5 690 695 700

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10 Lys Leu Glu Lys Lys Phe Gly Gln Ser Pro Val Phe Val Ala Ser Ala
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Val Leu Gln Asn Gly Gly Val Pro Arg Asn Ala Ser Pro Ala Cys Leu
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Leu Arg Glu Ala Ile Gln Val Ile Ser Cys Gly Tyr Gln Asp Lys Thr
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Glu Trp Gly Lys Glu Ile Gly Trp Ile Tyr Gly Ser Val Thr Glu Asp
 20 770 775 780

Ile Leu Thr Gly Phe Lys Met His Cys His Gly Trp Arg Ser Val Tyr
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25 Cys Met Pro Lys Arg Ala Ala Phe Lys Gly Ser Ala Pro Ile Asn Leu
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Ser Asp Arg Leu His Gln Val Leu Arg Trp Ala Leu Gly Ser Val Glu
 820 825 830

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Ile Phe Leu Ser Arg His Cys Pro Ile Trp Tyr Gly Tyr Gly Gly Gly
 835 840 845

Leu Lys Trp Leu Glu Arg Phe Ser Tyr Ile Asn Ser Val Val Tyr Pro
 35 850 855 860

Trp Thr Ser Leu Pro Leu Ile Val Tyr Cys Ser Leu Pro Ala Val Cys
 865 870 875 880

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Leu Leu Thr Gly Lys Phe Ile Val Pro Glu Ile Ser Asn Tyr Ala Gly
 885 890 895

5 Ile Leu Phe Met Leu Met Phe Ile Ser Ile Ala Val Thr Gly Ile Leu
 900 905 910

Glu Met Gln Trp Gly Gly Val Gly Ile Asp Asp Trp Trp Arg Asn Glu
 915 920 925

10 Gln Phe Trp Val Ile Gly Gly Ala Ser Ser His Leu Phe Ala Leu Phe
 930 935 940

Gln Gly Leu Leu Lys Val Leu Ala Gly Val Asn Thr Asn Phe Thr Val
 945 950 955 960

15 Thr Ser Lys Ala Ala Asp Asp Gly Ala Phe Ser Glu Leu Tyr Ile Phe
 965 970 975

Lys Trp Thr Thr Leu Leu Ile Pro Pro Thr Thr Leu Leu Ile Ile Asn
 20 980 985 990

Ile Ile Gly Val Ile Val Gly Val Ser Asp Ala Ile Ser Asn Gly Tyr
 995 1000 1005

25 Asp Ser Trp Gly Pro Leu Phe Gly Arg Leu Phe Phe Ala Leu Trp Val
 1010 1015 1020

Ile Val His Leu Tyr Pro Phe Leu Lys Gly Met Leu Gly Lys Gln Asp
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30 Lys Met Pro Thr Ile Ile Val Val Trp Ser Ile Leu Leu Ala Ser Ile
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Leu Thr Leu Leu Trp Val Arg Ile Asn Pro Phe Val Ala Lys Gly Gly
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Pro Val Leu Glu Ile Cys Gly Leu Asn Cys Gly Asn
 1075 1080

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:9:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 5 (A) LENGTH: 3614 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

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(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- 15 (A) ORGANISM: Arabidopsis thaliana
(B) STRAIN: Columbia

(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:

- (B) CLONE: Ath-B

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(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 217..3411

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:9:

GAATTCGCGG CCGCGTCGAC TACGGCTGCG AGAAGACGAC AGAAGGGGAT CCCAAGATTC 60

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AGAGAGATTC AGAGAGCCAC ATCACCACAC TCCATCTTCA GATCTCATGA TTTGAACTAT 180

TCCGACGTTT CGGTGTTGGA AGCAACTAAG TGACAA ATG GAA TCC GAA GGA GAA 234

Met Glu Ser Glu Gly Glu

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ACC GCG GGA AAG CCG ATG AAG AAC ATT GTT CCG CAG ACT TGC CAG ATC 282

Thr Ala Gly Lys Pro Met Lys Asn Ile Val Pro Gln Thr Cys Gln Ile

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| | TGT AGT GAC AAT GTT GGC AAG ACT GTT GAT GGA GAT CGT TTT GTG GCT | 330 |
| | Cys Ser Asp Asn Val Gly Lys Thr Val Asp Gly Asp Arg Phe Val Ala | |
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| 5 | TGT GAT ATT TGT TCA TTC CCA GTT TGT CGG CCT TGC TAC GAG TAT GAG | 378 |
| | Cys Asp Ile Cys Ser Phe Pro Val Cys Arg Pro Cys Tyr Glu Tyr Glu | |
| | 40 45 50 | |
| | AGG AAA GAT GGG AAT CAA TCT TGT CCT CAG TGC AAA ACC AGA TAC AAG | 426 |
| 10 | Arg Lys Asp Gly Asn Gln Ser Cys Pro Gln Cys Lys Thr Arg Tyr Lys | |
| | 55 60 65 70 | |
| | AGG CTC AAA GGT AGT CCT GCT ATT CCT GGT GAT AAA GAC GAG GAT GGC | 474 |
| | Arg Leu Lys Gly Ser Pro Ala Ile Pro Gly Asp Lys Asp Glu Asp Gly | |
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| | TTA GCT GAT GAA GGT ACT GTT GAG TTC AAC TAC CCT CAG AAG GAG AAA | 522 |
| | Leu Ala Asp Glu Gly Thr Val Glu Phe Asn Tyr Pro Gln Lys Glu Lys | |
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| 20 | ATT TCA GAG CGG ATG CTT GGT TGG CAT CTT ACT CGT GGG AAG GGA GAG | 570 |
| | Ile Ser Glu Arg Met Leu Gly Trp His Leu Thr Arg Gly Lys Gly Glu | |
| | 105 110 115 | |
| 25 | GAA ATG GGG GAA CCC CAG TAT GAT AAA GAG GTC TCT CAC AAT CAT CTT | 618 |
| | Glu Met Gly Glu Pro Gln Tyr Asp Lys Glu Val Ser His Asn His Leu | |
| | 120 125 130 | |
| | CCT CGT CTC ACG AGC AGA CAA GAT ACT TCA GGA GAG TTT TCT GCT GCC | 666 |
| 30 | Pro Arg Leu Thr Ser Arg Gln Asp Thr Ser Gly Glu Phe Ser Ala Ala | |
| | 135 140 145 150 | |
| | TCA CCT GAA CGC CTC TCT GTA TCT TCT ACT ATC GCT GGG GGA AAG CGC | 714 |
| | Ser Pro Glu Arg Leu Ser Val Ser Ser Thr Ile Ala Gly Gly Lys Arg | |
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| | CTT CCC TAT TCA TCA GAT GTC AAT CAA TCA CCA AAT AGA AGG ATT GTG | 762 |
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 Asp Pro Val Gly Leu Gly Asn Val Ala Trp Lys Glu Arg Val Asp Gly
 185 190 195

5 TGG AAA ATG AAG CAA GAG AAG AAT ACT GGT CCT GTC AGC ACG CAG GCT 858
 Trp Lys Met Lys Gln Glu Lys Asn Thr Gly Pro Val Ser Thr Gln Ala

GCT TCT GAA AGA GGT GGA GTA GAT ATT GAT GCC AGC ACA GAT ATC CTA 906
 10 Ala Ser Glu Arg Gly Gly Val Asp Ile Asp Ala Ser Thr Asp Ile Leu
 215 220 225 230

GCA GAT GAG GCT CTG CTG AAT GAC GAA GCG AGG CAG CTT CTG TCA AGG 954
 Ala Asp Glu Ala Leu Leu Asn Asp Glu Ala Arg Gln Leu Leu Ser Arg
 15 235 240 245

AAA GTT TCA ATT CCT TCA TCA CGG ATC AAT CCT TAC AGA ATG GTT ATT 1002
 Lys Val Ser Ile Pro Ser Ser Arg Ile Asn Pro Tyr Arg Met Val Ile
 250 255 260

20 ATG CTG CGG CTT GTT ATC CTT TGT CTC TTC TTG CAT TAC CGT ATA ACA 1050
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 265 270 275

25 AAC CCA GTG CCA AAT GCC TTT GCT CTA TGG CTG GTC TCT GTG ATA TGT 1098
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GAG ATC TGG TTT GCC TTA TCC TGG ATT TTG GAT CAG TTT CCC AAG TGG 1146
 30 Glu Ile Trp Phe Ala Leu Ser Trp Ile Leu Asp Gln Phe Pro Lys Trp
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TTT CCT GTG AAC CGT GAA ACC TAC CTC GAC AGG CTT GCT TTA AGA TAT 1194
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GAT CGT GAA GGT GAG CCA TCA CAG TTA GCT GCT GTT GAC ATT TTC GTG 1242
 Asp Arg Glu Gly Glu Pro Ser Gln Leu Ala Ala Val Asp Ile Phe Val
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| | AGT ACT GTT GAC CCC TTG AAG GAG CCA CCC CTT GTG ACA GCC AAC ACA | 1290 |
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| | 345 350 355 | |
| 5 | GTG CTC TCT ATT CTG GCT GTT GAC TAC CCA GTT GAC AAG GTG TCC TGT | 1338 |
| | Val Leu Ser Ile Leu Ala Val Asp Tyr Pro Val Asp Lys Val Ser Cys | |
| | 360 365 370 | |
| | TAT GTT TCT GAT GAT GGT GCT GCT ATG TTA TCA TTT GAA TCA CTT GCA | 1386 |
| 10 | Tyr Val Ser Asp Asp Gly Ala Ala Met Leu Ser Phe Glu Ser Leu Ala | |
| | 375 380 385 390 | |
| | GAA ACA TCA GAG TTT GCT CGT AAA TGG GTA CCA TTT TGC AAG AAA TAT | 1434 |
| | Glu Thr Ser Glu Phe Ala Arg Lys Trp Val Pro Phe Cys Lys Lys Tyr | |
| 15 | 395 400 405 | |
| | AGC ATA GAG CCT CGT GCA CCA GAA TGG TAC TTT GCT GCG AAA ATA GAT | 1482 |
| | Ser Ile Glu Pro Arg Ala Pro Glu Trp Tyr Phe Ala Ala Lys Ile Asp | |
| | 410 415 420 | |
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| | TAC TTG AAG GAT AAA GTT CAG ACA TCA TTT GTC AAA GAT CGT AGA GCT | 1530 |
| | Tyr Leu Lys Asp Lys Val Gln Thr Ser Phe Val Lys Asp Arg Arg Ala | |
| | 425 430 435 | |
| 25 | ATG AAG AGG GAA TAT GAG GAA TTT AAA ATC CGA ATC AAT GCA CTT GTT | 1578 |
| | Met Lys Arg Glu Tyr Glu Glu Phe Lys Ile Arg Ile Asn Ala Leu Val | |
| | 440 445 450 | |
| | TCC AAA GCC CTA AAA TGT CCT GAA GAA GGG TGG GTT ATG CAA GAT GGC | 1626 |
| 30 | Ser Lys Ala Leu Lys Cys Pro Glu Glu Gly Trp Val Met Gln Asp Gly | |
| | 455 460 465 470 | |
| | ACA CCG TGG CCT GGA AAT AAT ACA GGG GAC CAT CCA GGA ATG ATC CAG | 1674 |
| | Thr Pro Trp Pro Gly Asn Asn Thr Gly Asp His Pro Gly Met Ile Gln | |
| 35 | 475 480 485 | |
| | GTC TTC TTA GGG CAA AAT GGT GGA CTT GAT GCA GAG GGC AAT GAG CTC | 1722 |
| | Val Phe Leu Gly Gln Asn Gly Gly Leu Asp Ala Glu Gly Asn Glu Leu | |
| | 490 495 500 | |

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CCG CGT TTG GTA TAT GTT TCT CGA GAA AAG CGA CCA GGA TTC CAG CAC 1770
 Pro Arg Leu Val Tyr Val Ser Arg Glu Lys Arg Pro Gly Phe Gln His
 505 510 515

5 CAC AAA AAG GCT GGT GCT ATG AAT GCA CTG GTG AGA GTT TCA GCA GTT 1818
 His Lys Lys Ala Gly Ala Met Asn Ala Leu Val Arg Val Ser Ala Val

CTT ACC AAT GGA CCT TTC ATC TTG AAT CTT GAT TGT GAT CAT TAC ATA 1866
 10 Leu Thr Asn Gly Pro Phe Ile Leu Asn Leu Asp Cys Asp His Tyr Ile
 535 540 545 550

AAT AAC AGC AAA GCC TTA AGA GAA GCA ATG TGC TTC CTG ATG GAC CCA 1914
 Asn Asn Ser Lys Ala Leu Arg Glu Ala Met Cys Phe Leu Met Asp Pro
 15 555 560 565

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 Asn Leu Gly Lys Gln Val Cys Tyr Val Gln Phe Pro Gln Arg Phe Asp
 570 575 580

20 GGT ATC GAT AAG AAC GAT AGA TAT GCT AAT CGT AAT ACC GTG TTC TTT 2010
 Gly Ile Asp Lys Asn Asp Arg Tyr Ala Asn Arg Asn Thr Val Phe Phe
 585 590 595

25 GAT ATT AAC TTG AGA GGT TTA GAT GGG ATT CAA GGA CCT GTA TAT GTC 2058
 Asp Ile Asn Leu Arg Gly Leu Asp Gly Ile Gln Gly Pro Val Tyr Val
 600 605 610

GGA ACT GGA TGT GTT TTC AAC AGA ACA GCA TTA TAC GGT TAT GAA CCT 2106
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 615 620 625 630

CCA ATA AAA GTA AAA CAC AAG AAG CCA AGT CTT TTA TCT AAG CTC TGT 2154
 Pro Ile Lys Val Lys His Lys Lys Pro Ser Leu Leu Ser Lys Leu Cys
 35 635 640 645

GGT GGA TCA AGA AAG AAG AAT TCC AAA GCT AAG AAA GAG TCG GAC AAA 2202
 Gly Gly Ser Arg Lys Lys Asn Ser Lys Ala Lys Lys Glu Ser Asp Lys
 650 655 660

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| | AAG AAA TCA GGC AGG CAT ACT GAC TCA ACT GTT CCT GTA TTC AAC CTC | 2250 |
| | Lys Lys Ser Gly Arg His Thr Asp Ser Thr Val Pro Val Phe Asn Leu | |
| | 665 670 675 | |
| 5 | GAT GAC ATA GAA GAG GGA GTT GAA GGT GCT GGT TTT GAT GAT GAA AAG | 2298 |
| | Asp Asp Ile Glu Glu Gly Val Glu Gly Ala Gly Phe Asp Asp Glu Lys | |
| | 680 685 690 | |
| | GCG CTC TTA ATG TCG CAA ATG AGC CTG GAG AAG CGA TTT GGA CAG TCT | 2346 |
| 10 | Ala Leu Leu Met Ser Gln Met Ser Leu Glu Lys Arg Phe Gly Gln Ser | |
| | 695 700 705 710 | |
| | GCT GTT TTT GTT GCT TCT ACC CTA ATG GAA AAT GGT GGT GTT CCT CCT | 2394 |
| | Ala Val Phe Val Ala Ser Thr Leu Met Glu Asn Gly Gly Val Pro Pro | |
| 15 | 715 720 725 | |
| | TCA GCA ACT CCA GAA AAC TTT CTC AAA GAG GCT ATC CAT GTC ATT AGT | 2442 |
| | Ser Ala Thr Pro Glu Asn Phe Leu Lys Glu Ala Ile His Val Ile Ser | |
| | 730 735 740 | |
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| | TGT GGT TAT GAG GAT AAG TCA GAT TGG GGA ATG GAG ATT GGA TGG ATC | 2490 |
| | Cys Gly Tyr Glu Asp Lys Ser Asp Trp Gly Met Glu Ile Gly Trp Ile | |
| | 745 750 755 | |
| 25 | TAT GGT TCT GTG ACA GAA GAT ATT CTG ACT GGG TTC AAA ATG CAT GCC | 2538 |
| | Tyr Gly Ser Val Thr Glu Asp Ile Leu Thr Gly Phe Lys Met His Ala | |
| | 760 765 770 | |
| | CGT GGA TGG CGA TCC ATT TAC TGC ATG CCT AAG CTT CCA GCT TTC AAG | 2586 |
| 30 | Arg Gly Trp Arg Ser Ile Tyr Cys Met Pro Lys Leu Pro Ala Phe Lys | |
| | 775 780 785 790 | |
| | GGT TCT GCT CCT ATC AAT CTT TCA GAT CGT CTG AAC CAA GTG CTG AGG | 2634 |
| | Gly Ser Ala Pro Ile Asn Leu Ser Asp Arg Leu Asn Gln Val Leu Arg | |
| 35 | 795 800 805 | |
| | TGG GCT TTA GGT TCA GTT GAG ATT CTC TTC AGT CGG CAT TGT CCT ATA | 2682 |
| | Trp Ala Leu Gly Ser Val Glu Ile Leu Phe Ser Arg His Cys Pro Ile | |
| | 810 815 820 | |
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TGG TAT GGT TAC AAT GGG AGG CTA AAA TTT CTT GAG AGG TTT GCG TAT 2730

Trp Tyr Gly Tyr Asn Gly Arg Leu Lys Phe Leu Glu Arg Phe Ala Tyr

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5 GTG AAC ACC ACC ATC TAC CCT ATC ACC TCC ATT CCT CTT CTC ATG TAT 2778

Val Asn Thr Thr Ile Tyr Pro Ile Thr Ser Ile Pro Leu Leu Met Tyr

TGT ACA TTG CTA GCC GTT TGT CTC TTC ACC AAC CAG TTT ATT ATT CCT 2826

10 Cys Thr Leu Leu Ala Val Cys Leu Phe Thr Asn Gln Phe Ile Ile Pro

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CAG ATT AGT AAC ATT GCA AGT ATA TGG TTT CTG TCT CTC TTT CTC TCC 2874

Gln Ile Ser Asn Ile Ala Ser Ile Trp Phe Leu Ser Leu Phe Leu Ser

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ATT TTC GCC ACG GGT ATA CTA GAA ATG AGG TGG AGT GGC GTA GGC ATA 2922

Ile Phe Ala Thr Gly Ile Leu Glu Met Arg Trp Ser Gly Val Gly Ile

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GAC GAA TGG TGG AGA AAC GAG CAG TTT TGG GTC ATT GGT GGA GTA TCC 2970

Asp Glu Trp Trp Arg Asn Glu Gln Phe Trp Val Ile Gly Gly Val Ser

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25 GCT CAT TTA TTC GCT GTG TTT CAA GGT ATC CTC AAA GTC CTT GCC GGT 3018

Ala His Leu Phe Ala Val Phe Gln Gly Ile Leu Lys Val Leu Ala Gly

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30 Ile Asp Thr Asn Phe Thr Val Thr Ser Lys Ala Ser Asp Glu Asp Gly

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GAC TTT GCT GAG CTC TAC TTG TTC AAA TGG ACA ACA CTT CTG ATT CCG 3114

Asp Phe Ala Glu Leu Tyr Leu Phe Lys Trp Thr Thr Leu Leu Ile Pro

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CCA ACG ACG CTG CTC ATT GTA AAC TTA GTG GGA GTT GTT GCA GGA GTC 3162

Pro Thr Thr Leu Leu Ile Val Asn Leu Val Gly Val Val Ala Gly Val

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TCT TAT GCT ATC AAC ACT GGA TAC CAA TCA TGG GGA CCA CTC TTT GGT 3210
 Ser Tyr Ala Ile Asn Ser Gly Tyr Gln Ser Trp Gly Pro Leu Phe Gly
 985 990 995

5 AAG TTG TTC TTT GCC TTC TGG GTG ATT GTT CAC TTG TAC CCT TTC CTC 3258
 Lys Leu Phe Phe Ala Phe Trp Val Ile Val His Leu Tyr Pro Phe Leu
 1000 1005 1010

AAG GGT TTG ATG GGT CGA CAG AAC CGG ACT CCT ACC ATT GTT GTG GTC 3306
 10 Lys Gly Leu Met Gly Arg Gln Asn Arg Thr Pro Thr Ile Val Val Val
 1015 1020 1025 1030

TGG TCT GTT CTC TTG GCT TCT ATC TTC TCG TTG TTG TGG GTT AGG ATT 3354
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GAT CCC TTC ACT AGC CGA GTC ACT GGC CCG GAC ATT CTG GAA TGT GGA 3402
 Asp Pro Phe Thr Ser Arg Val Thr Gly Pro Asp Ile Leu Glu Cys Gly
 1050 1055 1060

20 ATC AAC TGT TGAGAAGCGA GCAAATATTT ACCTGTTTTG AGGGTTAAAA 3451
 Ile Asn Cys
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25 AAAACACAGA ATTTAAATTA TTTTTCATTG TTTTATTTGT TCACTTTTTT ACTTTTGTG 3511

TGTGTATCTG TCTGTTCGTT CTTCTGTCTT GGTGTCATAA ATTTATGTGT AGAATATATC 3571

TTACTCTAGT TACTTTGGAA AGTTATAATT AAAGTGAAAG CCA 3614
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:10:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 1065 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:10:

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 20 25 30
 10 Gly Asp Arg Phe Val Ala Cys Asp Ile Cys Ser Phe Pro Val Cys Arg
 35 40 45
 Pro Cys Tyr Glu Tyr Glu Arg Lys Asp Gly Asn Gln Ser Cys Pro Gln
 15 50 55 60
 Cys Lys Thr Arg Tyr Lys Arg Leu Lys Gly Ser Pro Ala Ile Pro Gly
 65 70 75 80
 20 Asp Lys Asp Glu Asp Gly Leu Ala Asp Glu Gly Thr Val Glu Phe Asn
 85 90 95
 Tyr Pro Gln Lys Glu Lys Ile Ser Glu Arg Met Leu Gly Trp His Leu
 100 105 110
 25 Thr Arg Gly Lys Gly Glu Glu Met Gly Glu Pro Gln Tyr Asp Lys Glu
 115 120 125
 Val Ser His Asn His Leu Pro Arg Leu Thr Ser Arg Gln Asp Thr Ser
 30 130 135 140
 Gly Glu Phe Ser Ala Ala Ser Pro Glu Arg Leu Ser Val Ser Ser Thr
 145 150 155 160
 35 Ile Ala Gly Gly Lys Arg Leu Pro Tyr Ser Ser Asp Val Asn Gln Ser
 165 170 175
 Pro Asn Arg Arg Ile Val Asp Pro Val Gly Leu Gly Asn Val Ala Trp
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Lys Glu Arg Val Asp Gly Trp Lys Met Lys Gln Glu Lys Asn Thr Gly
 195 200 205

Pro Val Ser Thr Gln Ala Ala Ser Glu Arg Gly Gly Val Asp Ile Asp
 5 210 215 220

Ala Ser Thr Asp Ile Leu Ala Asp Glu Ala Leu Leu Asn Asp Glu Ala
 225 230 235 240

10 Arg Gln Leu Leu Ser Arg Lys Val Ser Ile Pro Ser Ser Arg Ile Asn
 245 250 255

Pro Tyr Arg Met Val Ile Met Leu Arg Leu Val Ile Leu Cys Leu Phe
 260 265 270

15 Leu His Tyr Arg Ile Thr Asn Pro Val Pro Asn Ala Phe Ala Leu Trp
 275 280 285

Leu Val Ser Val Ile Cys Glu Ile Trp Phe Ala Leu Ser Trp Ile Leu
 20 290 295 300

Asp Gln Phe Pro Lys Trp Phe Pro Val Asn Arg Glu Thr Tyr Leu Asp
 305 310 315 320

25 Arg Leu Ala Leu Arg Tyr Asp Arg Glu Gly Glu Pro Ser Gln Leu Ala
 325 330 335

Ala Val Asp Ile Phe Val Ser Thr Val Asp Pro Leu Lys Glu Pro Pro
 340 345 350

30 Leu Val Thr Ala Asn Thr Val Leu Ser Ile Leu Ala Val Asp Tyr Pro
 355 360 365

Val Asp Lys Val Ser Cys Tyr Val Ser Asp Asp Gly Ala Ala Met Leu
 35 370 375 380

Ser Phe Glu Ser Leu Ala Glu Thr Ser Glu Phe Ala Arg Lys Trp Val
 385 390 395 400

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Pro Phe Cys Lys Lys Tyr Ser Ile Glu Pro Arg Ala Pro Glu Trp Tyr
405 410 415

Phe Ala Ala Lys Ile Asp Tyr Leu Lys Asp Lys Val Gln Thr Ser Phe
5 420 425 430

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10 Arg Ile Asn Ala Leu Val Ser Lys Ala Leu Lys Cys Pro Glu Glu Gly
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Trp Val Met Gln Asp Gly Thr Pro Trp Pro Gly Asn Asn Thr Gly Asp
465 470 475 480

15 His Pro Gly Met Ile Gln Val Phe Leu Gly Gln Asn Gly Gly Leu Asp
485 490 495

Ala Glu Gly Asn Glu Leu Pro Arg Leu Val Tyr Val Ser Arg Glu Lys
20 500 505 510

Arg Pro Gly Phe Gln His His Lys Lys Ala Gly Ala Met Asn Ala Leu
515 520 525

25 Val Arg Val Ser Ala Val Leu Thr Asn Gly Pro Phe Ile Leu Asn Leu
530 535 540

Asp Cys Asp His Tyr Ile Asn Asn Ser Lys Ala Leu Arg Glu Ala Met
545 550 555 560

30 Cys Phe Leu Met Asp Pro Asn Leu Gly Lys Gln Val Cys Tyr Val Gln
565 570 575

Phe Pro Gln Arg Phe Asp Gly Ile Asp Lys Asn Asp Arg Tyr Ala Asn
35 580 585 590

Arg Asn Thr Val Phe Phe Asp Ile Asn Leu Arg Gly Leu Asp Gly Ile
595 600 605

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Gln Gly Pro Val Tyr Val Gly Thr Gly Cys Val Phe Asn Arg Thr Ala
 610 615 620

Leu Tyr Gly Tyr Glu Pro Pro Ile Lys Val Lys His Lys Lys Pro Ser
 5 625 630 635 640

Leu Leu Ser Lys Leu Cys Gly Gly Ser Arg Lys Lys Asn Ser Lys Ala
 645 650 655

10 Lys Lys Glu Ser Asp Lys Lys Lys Ser Gly Arg His Thr Asp Ser Thr
 660 665 670

Val Pro Val Phe Asn Leu Asp Asp Ile Glu Glu Gly Val Glu Gly Ala
 675 680 685

15 Gly Phe Asp Asp Glu Lys Ala Leu Leu Met Ser Gln Met Ser Leu Glu
 690 695 700

Lys Arg Phe Gly Gln Ser Ala Val Phe Val Ala Ser Thr Leu Met Glu
 20 705 710 715 720

Asn Gly Gly Val Pro Pro Ser Ala Thr Pro Glu Asn Phe Leu Lys Glu
 725 730 735

25 Ala Ile His Val Ile Ser Cys Gly Tyr Glu Asp Lys Ser Asp Trp Gly
 740 745 750

Met Glu Ile Gly Trp Ile Tyr Gly Ser Val Thr Glu Asp Ile Leu Thr
 755 760 765

30 Gly Phe Lys Met His Ala Arg Gly Trp Arg Ser Ile Tyr Cys Met Pro
 770 775 780

Lys Leu Pro Ala Phe Lys Gly Ser Ala Pro Ile Asn Leu Ser Asp Arg
 35 785 790 795 800

Leu Asn Gln Val Leu Arg Trp Ala Leu Gly Ser Val Glu Ile Leu Phe
 805 810 815

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Ser Arg His Cys Pro Ile Trp Tyr Gly Tyr Asn Gly Arg Leu Lys Phe
820 825 830

Leu Glu Arg Phe Ala Tyr Val Asn Thr Thr Ile Tyr Pro Ile Thr Ser
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10 Asn Gln Phe Ile Ile Pro Gln Ile Ser Asn Ile Ala Ser Ile Trp Phe
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Leu Ser Leu Phe Leu Ser Ile Phe Ala Thr Gly Ile Leu Glu Met Arg
885 890 895

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Trp Ser Gly Val Gly Ile Asp Glu Trp Trp Arg Asn Glu Gln Phe Trp
900 905 910

Val Ile Gly Gly Val Ser Ala His Leu Phe Ala Val Phe Gln Gly Ile
20 915 920 925

Leu Lys Val Leu Ala Gly Ile Asp Thr Asn Phe Thr Val Thr Ser Lys
930 935 940

25 Ala Ser Asp Glu Asp Gly Asp Phe Ala Glu Leu Tyr Leu Phe Lys Trp
945 950 955 960

Thr Thr Leu Leu Ile Pro Pro Thr Thr Leu Leu Ile Val Asn Leu Val
965 970 975

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Gly Val Val Ala Gly Val Ser Tyr Ala Ile Asn Ser Gly Tyr Gln Ser
980 985 990

Trp Gly Pro Leu Phe Gly Lys Leu Phe Phe Ala Phe Trp Val Ile Val
35 995 1000 1005

His Leu Tyr Pro Phe Leu Lys Gly Leu Met Gly Arg Gln Asn Arg Thr
1010 1015 1020

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Pro Thr Ile Val Val Val Trp Ser Val Leu Leu Ala Ser Ile Phe Ser
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Leu Leu Trp Val Arg Ile Asp Pro Phe Thr Ser Arg Val Thr Gly Pro
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Asp Ile Leu Glu Cys Gly Ile Asn Cys
 1060 1065

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:11:

15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 3673 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleic acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

20 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

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(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

- (A) ORGANISM: Arabidopsis thaliana
- (B) STRAIN: Columbia
- (C) INDIVIDUAL ISOLATE: rsw1 mutant

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(ix) FEATURE:

- (A) NAME/KEY: CDS
- (B) LOCATION: 71..3313

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(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:11:

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 Met Glu Ala Ser Ala Gly Leu Val Ala Gly Ser Tyr Arg
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5 AGA AAC GAG CTC GTT CGG ATC CGA CAT GAA TCT GAT GGC GGG ACC AAA 157
 Arg Asn Glu Leu Val Arg Ile Arg His Glu Ser Asp Gly Gly Thr Lys

CCT TTG AAG AAT ATG AAT GGC CAG ATA TGT CAG ATC TGT GGT GAT GAT 205
 10 Pro Leu Lys Asn Met Asn Gly Gln Ile Cys Gln Ile Cys Gly Asp Asp
 30 35 40 45

GTT GGA CTC GCT GAA ACT GGA GAT GTC TTT GTC GCG TGT AAT GAA TGT 253
 Val Gly Leu Ala Glu Thr Gly Asp Val Phe Val Ala Cys Asn Glu Cys
 15 50 55 60

GCC TTC CCT GTG TGT CGG CCT TGC TAT GAG TAC GAG AGG AAA GAT GGA 301
 Ala Phe Pro Val Cys Arg Pro Cys Tyr Glu Tyr Glu Arg Lys Asp Gly
 65 70 75

20 ACT CAG TGT TGC CCT CAA TGC AAG ACT AGA TTC AGA CGA CAC AGG GGG 349
 Thr Gln Cys Cys Pro Gln Cys Lys Thr Arg Phe Arg Arg His Arg Gly
 80 85 90

25 AGT CCT CGT GTT GAA GGA GAT GAA GAT GAG GAT GAT GTT GAT GAT ATC 397
 Ser Pro Arg Val Glu Gly Asp Glu Asp Glu Asp Asp Val Asp Asp Ile
 95 100 105

GAG AAT GAG TTC AAT TAC GCC CAG GGA GCT AAC AAG GCG AGA CAC CAA 445
 30 Glu Asn Glu Phe Asn Tyr Ala Gln Gly Ala Asn Lys Ala Arg His Gln
 110 115 120 125

CGC CAT GGC GAA GAG TTT TCT TCT TCC TCT AGA CAT GAA TCT CAA CCA 493
 Arg His Gly Glu Glu Phe Ser Ser Ser Ser Arg His Glu Ser Gln Pro
 35 130 135 140

ATT CCT CTT CTC ACC CAT GGC CAT ACG GTT TCT GGA GAG ATT CGC ACG 541
 Ile Pro Leu Leu Thr His Gly His Thr Val Ser Gly Glu Ile Arg Thr
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| | Pro Asp Thr Gln Ser Val Arg Thr Thr Ser Gly Pro Leu Gly Pro Ser | |
| | 160 165 170 | |
| 5 | GAC AGG AAT GCT ATT TCA TCT CCA TAT ATT GAT CCA CGG CAA CCT GTC | 637 |
| | Asp Arg Asn Ala Ile Ser Ser Pro Tyr Ile Asp Pro Arg Gln Pro Val | |
| | 175 180 185 | |
| | CCT GTA AGA ATC GTG GAC CCG TCA AAA GAC TTG AAC TCT TAT GGG CTT | 685 |
| 10 | Pro Val Arg Ile Val Asp Pro Ser Lys Asp Leu Asn Ser Tyr Gly Leu | |
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| | GGT AAT GTT GAC TGG AAA GAA AGA GTT GAA GGC TGG AAG CTG AAG CAG | 733 |
| | Gly Asn Val Asp Trp Lys Glu Arg Val Glu Gly Trp Lys Leu Lys Gln | |
| 15 | 210 215 220 | |
| | GAG AAA AAT ATG TTA CAG ATG ACT GGT AAA TAC CAT GAA GGG AAA GGA | 781 |
| | Glu Lys Asn Met Leu Gln Met Thr Gly Lys Tyr His Glu Gly Lys Gly | |
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| 20 | GGA GAA ATT GAA GGG ACT GGT TCC AAT GGC GAA GAA CTC CAA ATG GCT | 829 |
| | Gly Glu Ile Glu Gly Thr Gly Ser Asn Gly Glu Glu Leu Gln Met Ala | |
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| 25 | GAT GAT ACA CGT CTT CCT ATG AGT CGT GTG GTG CCT ATC CCA TCT TCT | 877 |
| | Asp Asp Thr Arg Leu Pro Met Ser Arg Val Val Pro Ile Pro Ser Ser | |
| | 255 260 265 | |
| | CGC CTA ACC CCT TAT CGG GTT GTG ATT ATT CTC CGG CTT ATC ATC TTG | 925 |
| 30 | Arg Leu Thr Pro Tyr Arg Val Val Ile Ile Leu Arg Leu Ile Ile Leu | |
| | 270 275 280 285 | |
| | TGT TTC TTC TTG CAA TAT CGT ACA ACT CAC CCT GTG AAA AAT GCA TAT | 973 |
| | Cys Phe Phe Leu Gln Tyr Arg Thr Thr His Pro Val Lys Asn Ala Tyr | |
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| | CCT TTG TGG TTG ACC TCG GTT ATC TGT GAG ATC TGG TTT GCA TTT TCT | 1021 |
| | Pro Leu Trp Leu Thr Ser Val Ile Cys Glu Ile Trp Phe Ala Phe Ser | |
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 Trp Leu Leu Asp Gln Phe Pro Lys Trp Tyr Pro Ile Asn Arg Glu Thr
 320 325 330

5 TAT CTT GAC CGT CTC GCT ATA AGA TAT GAT CGA GAC GGT GAA CCA TCA 1117
 Tyr Leu Asp Arg Leu Ala Ile Arg Tyr Asp Arg Asp Gly Glu Pro Ser

CAG CTC GTT CCT GTT GAT GTG TTT GTT AGT ACA GTG GAC CCA TTG AAA 1165
 10 Gln Leu Val Pro Val Asp Val Phe Val Ser Thr Val Asp Pro Leu Lys
 350 355 360 365

GAG CCT CCC CTT GTT ACA GCA AAC ACA GTT CTC TCG ATT CTT TCT GTG 1213
 Glu Pro Pro Leu Val Thr Ala Asn Thr Val Leu Ser Ile Leu Ser Val
 15 370 375 380

GAC TAC CCG GTA GAT AAA GTA GCC TGT TAT GTT TCA GAT GAT GGT TCA 1261
 Asp Tyr Pro Val Asp Lys Val Ala Cys Tyr Val Ser Asp Asp Gly Ser
 385 390 395

20 GCT ATG CTT ACC TTT GAA TCC CTT TCT GAA ACC GCT GAG TTT GCA AAG 1309
 Ala Met Leu Thr Phe Glu Ser Leu Ser Glu Thr Ala Glu Phe Ala Lys
 400 405 410

25 AAA TGG GTA CCA TTT TGC AAG AAA TTC AAC ATT GAA CCT AGG GCC CCT 1357
 Lys Trp Val Pro Phe Cys Lys Lys Phe Asn Ile Glu Pro Arg Ala Pro
 415 420 425

GAA TTC TAT TTT GCC CAG AAG ATA GAT TAC TTG AAG GAC AAG ATC CAA 1405
 30 Glu Phe Tyr Phe Ala Gln Lys Ile Asp Tyr Leu Lys Asp Lys Ile Gln
 430 435 440 445

CCG TCT TTT GTT AAA GAG CGA CGA GCT ATG AAG AGA GAG TAT GAA GAG 1453
 Pro Ser Phe Val Lys Glu Arg Arg Ala Met Lys Arg Glu Tyr Glu Glu
 35 450 455 460

TTT AAA GTG AGG ATA AAT GCT CTT GTT GCC AAA GCA CAG AAA ATC CCT 1501
 Phe Lys Val Arg Ile Asn Ala Leu Val Ala Lys Ala Gln Lys Ile Pro
 465 470 475

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| | GAA GAA GGC TGG ACA ATG CAG GAT GGT ACT CCC TGG CCT GGT AAC AAC | 1549 |
| | Glu Glu Gly Trp Thr Met Gln Asp Gly Thr Pro Trp Pro Gly Asn Asn | |
| | 480 485 490 | |
| 5 | ACT AGA GAT CAT CCT GGA ATG ATA CAG GTG TTC TTA GGC CAT AGT GGG | 1597 |
| | Thr Arg Asp His Pro Gly Met Ile Gln Val Phe Leu Gly His Ser Gly | |
| | 495 500 505 | |
| | GGT CTG GAT ACC GAT GGA AAT GAG CTG CCT AGA CTC ATC TAT GTT TCT | 1645 |
| 10 | Gly Leu Asp Thr Asp Gly Asn Glu Leu Pro Arg Leu Ile Tyr Val Ser | |
| | 510 515 520 525 | |
| | CGT GAA AAG CGG CCT GGA TTT CAA CAC CAC AAA AAG GCT GGA GCT ATG | 1693 |
| | Arg Glu Lys Arg Pro Gly Phe Gln His His Lys Lys Ala Gly Ala Met | |
| 15 | 530 535 540 | |
| | AAT GCA TTG ATC CGT GTA TCT GTT GTT CTT ACC AAT GGA GCA TAT CTT | 1741 |
| | Asn Ala Leu Ile Arg Val Ser Val Val Leu Thr Asn Gly Ala Tyr Leu | |
| | 545 550 555 | |
| 20 | TTG AAC GTG GAT TGT GAT CAT TAC TTT AAT AAC AGT AAG GCT ATT AAA | 1789 |
| | Leu Asn Val Asp Cys Asp His Tyr Phe Asn Asn Ser Lys Ala Ile Lys | |
| | 560 565 570 | |
| 25 | GAA GCT ATG TGT TTC ATG ATG GAC CCG GCT ATT GGA AAG AAG TGC TGC | 1837 |
| | Glu Ala Met Cys Phe Met Met Asp Pro Ala Ile Gly Lys Lys Cys Cys | |
| | 575 580 585 | |
| | TAT GTC CAG TTC CCT CAA CGT TTT GAC GGT ATT GAT TTG CAC GAT CGA | 1885 |
| 30 | Tyr Val Gln Phe Pro Gln Arg Phe Asp Gly Ile Asp Leu His Asp Arg | |
| | 590 595 600 605 | |
| | TAT GCC AAC AGG AAT ATA GTC TTT TTC GAT ATT AAC ATG AAG GGG TTG | 1933 |
| | Tyr Ala Asn Arg Asn Ile Val Phe Phe Asp Ile Asn Met Lys Gly Leu | |
| 35 | 610 615 620 | |
| | GAT GGT ATC CAG GGT CCA GTA TAT GTG GGT ACT GGT TGT TGT TTT AAT | 1981 |
| | Asp Gly Ile Gln Gly Pro Val Tyr Val Gly Thr Gly Cys Cys Phe Asn | |
| | 625 630 635 | |

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 Arg Gln Ala Leu Tyr Gly Tyr Asp Pro Val Leu Thr Glu Glu Asp Leu
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5 GAA CCA AAT ATT ATT GTC AAG AGC TGT TGC GGG TCA AGG AAG AAA GGT 2077
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 10 Lys Ser Ser Lys Lys Tyr Asn Tyr Glu Lys Arg Arg Gly Ile Asn Arg
 670 675 680 685

AGT GAC TCC AAT GCT CCA CTT TTC AAT ATG GAG GAC ATC GAT GAG GGT 2173
 Ser Asp Ser Asn Ala Pro Leu Phe Asn Met Glu Asp Ile Asp Glu Gly
 15 690 695 700

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 Phe Glu Gly Tyr Asp Asp Glu Arg Ser Ile Leu Met Ser Gln Arg Ser
 705 710 715

20 GTA GAG AAG CGT TTT GGT CAG TCG CCG GTA TTT ATT GCG GCA ACC TTC 2269
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 720 725 730

25 ATG GAA CAA GGC GGC ATT CCA CCA ACA ACC AAT CCC GCT ACT CTT CTG 2317
 Met Glu Gln Gly Gly Ile Pro Pro Thr Thr Asn Pro Ala Thr Leu Leu
 735 740 745

AAG GAG GCT ATT CAT GTT ATA AGC TGT GGT TAC GAA GAC AAG ACT GAA 2365
 30 Lys Glu Ala Ile His Val Ile Ser Cys Gly Tyr Glu Asp Lys Thr Glu
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TGG GGC AAA GAG ATT GGT TGG ATC TAT GGT TCC GTG ACG GAA GAT ATT 2413
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 35 770 775 780

CTT ACT GGG TTC AAG ATG CAT GCC CGG GGT TGG ATA TCG ATC TAC TGC 2461
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 785 790 795

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| | Asn Pro Pro Arg Pro Ala Phe Lys Gly Ser Ala Pro Ile Asn Leu Ser | |
| | 800 805 810 | |
| 5 | GAT CGT TTG AAC CAA GTT CTT CGA TGG GCT TTG GGA TCT ATC GAG ATT | 2557 |
| | Asp Arg Leu Asn Gln Val Leu Arg Trp Ala Leu Gly Ser Ile Glu Ile | |
| | 815 820 825 | |
| | CTT CTT AGC AGA CAT TGT CCT ATC TGG TAT GGT TAC CAT GGA AGG TTG | 2605 |
| 10 | Leu Leu Ser Arg His Cys Pro Ile Trp Tyr Gly Tyr His Gly Arg Leu | |
| | 830 835 840 845 | |
| | AGA CTT TTG GAG AGG ATC GCT TAT ATC AAC ACC ATC GTC TAT CCT ATT | 2653 |
| | Arg Leu Leu Glu Arg Ile Ala Tyr Ile Asn Thr Ile Val Tyr Pro Ile | |
| 15 | 850 855 860 | |
| | ACA TCC ATC CCT CTT ATT GCG TAT TGT ATT CTT CCC GCT TTT TGT CTC | 2701 |
| | Thr Ser Ile Pro Leu Ile Ala Tyr Cys Ile Leu Pro Ala Phe Cys Leu | |
| | 865 870 875 | |
| 20 | ATC ACC GAC AGA TTC ATC ATA CCC GAG ATA AGC AAC TAC GCG AGT ATT | 2749 |
| | Ile Thr Asp Arg Phe Ile Ile Pro Glu Ile Ser Asn Tyr Ala Ser Ile | |
| | 880 885 890 | |
| 25 | TGG TTC ATT CTA CTC TTC ATC TCA ATT GCT GTG ACT GGA ATC CTG GAG | 2797 |
| | Trp Phe Ile Leu Leu Phe Ile Ser Ile Ala Val Thr Gly Ile Leu Glu | |
| | 895 900 905 | |
| | CTG AGA TGG AGC GGT GTG AGC ATT GAG GAT TGG TGG AGG AAC GAG CAG | 2845 |
| 30 | Leu Arg Trp Ser Gly Val Ser Ile Glu Asp Trp Trp Arg Asn Glu Gln | |
| | 910 915 920 925 | |
| | TTC TGG GTC ATT GGT GGC ACA TCC GCC CAT CTT TTT GCT GTC TTC CAA | 2893 |
| | Phe Trp Val Ile Gly Gly Thr Ser Ala His Leu Phe Ala Val Phe Gln | |
| 35 | 930 935 940 | |
| | GGT CTA CTT AAG GTT CTT GCT GGT ATC GAC ACC AAC TTC ACC GTT ACA | 2941 |
| | Gly Leu Leu Lys Val Leu Ala Gly Ile Asp Thr Asn Phe Thr Val Thr | |
| | 945 950 955 | |

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 Ser Lys Ala Thr Asp Glu Asp Gly Asp Phe Ala Glu Leu Tyr Ile Phe
 960 965 970

5 AAA TGG ACA GCT CTT CTC ATT CCA CCA ACC ACC GTC CTA CTT GTG AAC 3037
 Lys Trp Thr Ala Leu Leu Ile Pro Pro Thr Thr Val Leu Leu Val Asn

CTC ATA GGC ATT GTG GCT GGT GTC TCT TAT GCT GTA AAC AGT GGC TAC 3085
 10 Leu Ile Gly Ile Val Ala Gly Val Ser Tyr Ala Val Asn Ser Gly Tyr
 990 995 1000 1005

CAG TCG TGG GGT CCG CTT TTC GGG AAG CTC TTC TTC GCC TTA TGG GTT 3133
 Gln Ser Trp Gly Pro Leu Phe Gly Lys Leu Phe Phe Ala Leu Trp Val
 15 1010 1015 1020

ATT GCC CAT CTC TAC CCT TTC TTG AAA GGT CTG TTG GGA AGA CAA AAC 3181
 Ile Ala His Leu Tyr Pro Phe Leu Lys Gly Leu Leu Gly Arg Gln Asn
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20 CGA ACA CCA ACC ATC GTC ATT GTC TGG TCT GTT CTT CTC GCC TCC ATC 3229
 Arg Thr Pro Thr Ile Val Ile Val Trp Ser Val Leu Leu Ala Ser Ile
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25 TTC TCG TTG CTT TGG GTC AGG ATC AAT CCC TTT GTG GAC GCC AAT CCC 3277
 Phe Ser Leu Leu Trp Val Arg Ile Asn Pro Phe Val Asp Ala Asn Pro
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AAT GCC AAC AAC TTC AAT GGC AAA GGA GGT GTC TTT TAGACCCTAT 3323
 30 Asn Ala Asn Asn Phe Asn Gly Lys Gly Gly Val Phe
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35 CCATCAAACC CCAGTGAACC GGGCAGTTAA GGTGATTCCA TGCCAAGAT TAGCTTTCTC 3443

CGAGTAGCCA GAGAAGGTGA AATTGTTCGT AACACTATTG TAATGATTTT CCAGTGGGGA 3503

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TTTATTTTAT TTAAAGCTTG TTAGACTCAC ACTTATGTAA TGTTGGAAC TGTGTCCTA 3623

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:12:

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(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 1081 amino acids

(B) TYPE: amino acid

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

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(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:12:

Met Glu Ala Ser Ala Gly Leu Val Ala Gly Ser Tyr Arg Arg Asn Glu
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Leu Val Arg Ile Arg His Glu Ser Asp Gly Gly Thr Lys Pro Leu Lys
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25 Asn Met Asn Gly Gln Ile Cys Gln Ile Cys Gly Asp Asp Val Gly Leu
35 40 45

Ala Glu Thr Gly Asp Val Phe Val Ala Cys Asn Glu Cys Ala Phe Pro
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Val Cys Arg Pro Cys Tyr Glu Tyr Glu Arg Lys Asp Gly Thr Gln Cys
65 70 75 80

Cys Pro Gln Cys Lys Thr Arg Phe Arg Arg His Arg Gly Ser Pro Arg
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Val Glu Gly Asp Glu Asp Glu Asp Asp Val Asp Asp Ile Glu Asn Glu
100 105 110

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Phe Asn Tyr Ala Gln Gly Ala Asn Lys Ala Arg His Gln Arg His Gly
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Glu Glu Phe Ser Ser Ser Ser Arg His Glu Ser Gln Pro Ile Pro Leu
 5 130 135 140

145 150 155 160

10 Gln Ser Val Arg Thr Thr Ser Gly Pro Leu Gly Pro Ser Asp Arg Asn
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Ala Ile Ser Ser Pro Tyr Ile Asp Pro Arg Gln Pro Val Pro Val Arg
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15 Ile Val Asp Pro Ser Lys Asp Leu Asn Ser Tyr Gly Leu Gly Asn Val
 195 200 205

Asp Trp Lys Glu Arg Val Glu Gly Trp Lys Leu Lys Gln Glu Lys Asn
 20 210 215 220

Met Leu Gln Met Thr Gly Lys Tyr His Glu Gly Lys Gly Gly Glu Ile
 225 230 235 240

25 Glu Gly Thr Gly Ser Asn Gly Glu Glu Leu Gln Met Ala Asp Asp Thr
 245 250 255

Arg Leu Pro Met Ser Arg Val Val Pro Ile Pro Ser Ser Arg Leu Thr
 260 265 270

30 Pro Tyr Arg Val Val Ile Ile Leu Arg Leu Ile Ile Leu Cys Phe Phe
 275 280 285

Leu Gln Tyr Arg Thr Thr His Pro Val Lys Asn Ala Tyr Pro Leu Trp
 35 290 295 300

Leu Thr Ser Val Ile Cys Glu Ile Trp Phe Ala Phe Ser Trp Leu Leu
 305 310 315 320

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Asp Gln Phe Pro Lys Trp Tyr Pro Ile Asn Arg Glu Thr Tyr Leu Asp
 325 330 335

5 Arg Leu Ala Ile Arg Tyr Asp Arg Asp Gly Glu Pro Ser Gln Leu Val
 340 345 350

Pro Val Asp Val Phe Val Ser Thr Val Asp Pro Leu Lys Glu Pro Pro
 355 360 365

10 Leu Val Thr Ala Asn Thr Val Leu Ser Ile Leu Ser Val Asp Tyr Pro
 370 375 380

Val Asp Lys Val Ala Cys Tyr Val Ser Asp Asp Gly Ser Ala Met Leu
 385 390 395 400

15 Thr Phe Glu Ser Leu Ser Glu Thr Ala Glu Phe Ala Lys Lys Trp Val
 405 410 415

20 Pro Phe Cys Lys Lys Phe Asn Ile Glu Pro Arg Ala Pro Glu Phe Tyr
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Phe Ala Gln Lys Ile Asp Tyr Leu Lys Asp Lys Ile Gln Pro Ser Phe
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25 Val Lys Glu Arg Arg Ala Met Lys Arg Glu Tyr Glu Glu Phe Lys Val
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Arg Ile Asn Ala Leu Val Ala Lys Ala Gln Lys Ile Pro Glu Glu Gly
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30 Trp Thr Met Gln Asp Gly Thr Pro Trp Pro Gly Asn Asn Thr Arg Asp
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His Pro Gly Met Ile Gln Val Phe Leu Gly His Ser Gly Gly Leu Asp
 500 505 510

Thr Asp Gly Asn Glu Leu Pro Arg Leu Ile Tyr Val Ser Arg Glu Lys
 515 520 525

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Arg Pro Gly Phe Gln His His Lys Lys Ala Gly Ala Met Asn Ala Leu
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Ile Arg Val Ser Val Val Leu Thr Asn Gly Ala Tyr Leu Leu Asn Val
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10 Cys Phe Met Met Asp Pro Ala Ile Gly Lys Lys Cys Cys Tyr Val Gln
 580 585 590

Phe Pro Gln Arg Phe Asp Gly Ile Asp Leu His Asp Arg Tyr Ala Asn
 595 600 605

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Arg Asn Ile Val Phe Phe Asp Ile Asn Met Lys Gly Leu Asp Gly Ile
 610 615 620

Gln Gly Pro Val Tyr Val Gly Thr Gly Cys Cys Phe Asn Arg Gln Ala
 20 625 630 635 640

Leu Tyr Gly Tyr Asp Pro Val Leu Thr Glu Glu Asp Leu Glu Pro Asn
 645 650 655

25 Ile Ile Val Lys Ser Cys Cys Gly Ser Arg Lys Lys Gly Lys Ser Ser
 660 665 670

Lys Lys Tyr Asn Tyr Glu Lys Arg Arg Gly Ile Asn Arg Ser Asp Ser
 675 680 685

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Asn Ala Pro Leu Phe Asn Met Glu Asp Ile Asp Glu Gly Phe Glu Gly
 690 695 700

Tyr Asp Asp Glu Arg Ser Ile Leu Met Ser Gln Arg Ser Val Glu Lys
 35 705 710 715 720

Arg Phe Gly Gln Ser Pro Val Phe Ile Ala Ala Thr Phe Met Glu Gln
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Gly Gly Ile Pro Pro Thr Thr Asn Pro Ala Thr Leu Leu Lys Glu Ala
 740 745 750

5 Ile His Val Ile Ser Cys Gly Tyr Glu Asp Lys Thr Glu Trp Gly Lys
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Glu Ile Gly Trp Ile Tyr Gly Ser Val Thr Glu Asp Ile Leu Thr Gly
 770 775 780

10 Phe Lys Met His Ala Arg Gly Trp Ile Ser Ile Tyr Cys Asn Pro Pro
 785 790 795 800

Arg Pro Ala Phe Lys Gly Ser Ala Pro Ile Asn Leu Ser Asp Arg Leu
 805 810 815

15 Asn Gln Val Leu Arg Trp Ala Leu Gly Ser Ile Glu Ile Leu Leu Ser
 820 825 830

Arg His Cys Pro Ile Trp Tyr Gly Tyr His Gly Arg Leu Arg Leu Leu
 20 835 840 845

Glu Arg Ile Ala Tyr Ile Asn Thr Ile Val Tyr Pro Ile Thr Ser Ile
 850 855 860

25 Pro Leu Ile Ala Tyr Cys Ile Leu Pro Ala Phe Cys Leu Ile Thr Asp
 865 870 875 880

Arg Phe Ile Ile Pro Glu Ile Ser Asn Tyr Ala Ser Ile Trp Phe Ile
 885 890 895

30 Leu Leu Phe Ile Ser Ile Ala Val Thr Gly Ile Leu Glu Leu Arg Trp
 900 905 910

Ser Gly Val Ser Ile Glu Asp Trp Trp Arg Asn Glu Gln Phe Trp Val
 35 915 920 925

Ile Gly Gly Thr Ser Ala His Leu Phe Ala Val Phe Gln Gly Leu Leu
 930 935 940

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Lys Val Leu Ala Gly Ile Asp Thr Asn Phe Thr Val Thr Ser Lys Ala
945 950 955 960

Thr Asp Glu Asp Gly Asp Phe Ala Glu Leu Tyr Ile Phe Lys Trp Thr
5 965 970 975

Ala Leu Leu Pre Pre

980 985 990

10 Ile Val Ala Gly Val Ser Tyr Ala Val Asn Ser Gly Tyr Gln Ser Trp
995 1000 1005

Gly Pro Leu Phe Gly Lys Leu Phe Phe Ala Leu Trp Val Ile Ala His
1010 1015 1020

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Leu Tyr Pro Phe Leu Lys Gly Leu Leu Gly Arg Gln Asn Arg Thr Pro
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Thr Ile Val Ile Val Trp Ser Val Leu Leu Ala Ser Ile Phe Ser Leu
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Leu Trp Val Arg Ile Asn Pro Phe Val Asp Ala Asn Pro Asn Ala Asn
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25 Asn Phe Asn Gly Lys Gly Gly Val Phe
1075 1080

30 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:13:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 1741 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleic acid

35 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

40 (iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO

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(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO

(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: *Oryza sativa*

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(vii) IMMEDIATE SOURCE:

(B) CLONE: S0542

(ix) FEATURE:

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(A) NAME/KEY: CDS

(B) LOCATION: 101..1741

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:13:

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TTTCTCGCTG TGAGTGGAGG AGGAGGAGGA AGGGAGGAGG ATG GCG GCG AAC GCG 115

Met Ala Ala Asn Ala

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GGG ATG GTG GCG GGA TCC CGC AAC CGG AAC GAG TTC GTC ATG ATC CGC 163

Gly Met Val Ala Gly Ser Arg Asn Arg Asn Glu Phe Val Met Ile Arg

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CCC GAC GGC GAC GCG CCA CCG CCG GCT AAG CCA GGG AAG AGT GTG AAT 211

Pro Asp Gly Asp Ala Pro Pro Pro Ala Lys Pro Gly Lys Ser Val Asn

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30 GGT CAG GTC TGC CAG ATT TGT GGC GAC ACT GTT GGC GTC TCG GCC ACC 259

Gly Gln Val Cys Gln Ile Cys Gly Asp Thr Val Gly Val Ser Ala Thr

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GGC GAC GTC TTT GTT GCC TGC AAT GAG TGC GCC TTC CCG GTC TGC CGC 307

35 Gly Asp Val Phe Val Ala Cys Asn Glu Cys Ala Phe Pro Val Cys Arg

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CCT TGC TAC GAG TAC GAA CGC AAG GAA GGG AAC CAG TGC TGC CCC CAG 355

Pro Cys Tyr Glu Tyr Glu Arg Lys Glu Gly Asn Gln Cys Cys Pro Gln

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TGC AAG ACT AGA TAC AAG AGG CAC AAA GGT TGC CCT AGA GTT CAG GGC 403
 Cys Lys Thr Arg Tyr Lys Arg His Lys Gly Cys Pro Arg Val Gln Gly
 90 95 100

5 GAT GAG GAA GAA GAA GAT GTT GAT GAC CTG GAC AAT GAA TTC CAT TAT 451
 Gln Glu Asp Val Asp Asp Leu Asp Asp Glu Phe His Tyr

AAG CAT GGC AAT GGC AAA GGT CCA GAG TGG CAG ATA CAG AGA CAG GGG 499
 10 Lys His Gly Asn Gly Lys Gly Pro Glu Trp Gln Ile Gln Arg Gln Gly
 120 125 130

GAA GAT GTT GAC CTG TCT TCA TCT TCT CGC CAC GAA CAA CAT CGG ATT 547
 Glu Asp Val Asp Leu Ser Ser Ser Ser Arg His Glu Gln His Arg Ile
 15 135 140 145

CCC CGT CTG ACA AGT GGG CAA CAG ATC TCA GGA GAG ATC CCT GAT GCT 595
 Pro Arg Leu Thr Ser Gly Gln Gln Ile Ser Gly Glu Ile Pro Asp Ala
 150 155 160 165

20 TCC CCC GAT CGC CAT TCT ATC CGC AGC GGA ACA TCA AGC TAT GTT GAT 643
 Ser Pro Asp Arg His Ser Ile Arg Ser Gly Thr Ser Ser Tyr Val Asp
 170 175 180

25 CCA AGT GTT CCA GTT CCT GTG AGG ATT GTG GAC CCC TCC AAG GAC TTG 691
 Pro Ser Val Pro Val Pro Val Arg Ile Val Asp Pro Ser Lys Asp Leu
 185 190 195

AAT TCC TAT GGG ATT AAC AGT GTT GAC TGG CAA GAA AGA GTT GCC AGC 739
 30 Asn Ser Tyr Gly Ile Asn Ser Val Asp Trp Gln Glu Arg Val Ala Ser
 200 205 210

TGG AGG AAC AAG CAG GAC AAA AAT ATG ATG CAG GTA GCT AAT AAA TAT 787
 Trp Arg Asn Lys Gln Asp Lys Asn Met Met Gln Val Ala Asn Lys Tyr
 35 215 220 225

CCA GAG GCA AGA GGG GGA GAC ATG GAA GGG ACT GGT TCA AAT GGT GAA 835
 Pro Glu Ala Arg Gly Gly Asp Met Glu Gly Thr Gly Ser Asn Gly Glu
 230 235 240 245

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| | GAT ATC CAA ATG GTT GAT GAT GCA CGT CTA CCT CTG AGC CGC ATA GTG | 883 |
| | Asp Ile Gln Met Val Asp Asp Ala Arg Leu Pro Leu Ser Arg Ile Val | |
| | 250 255 260 | |
| 5 | CCT ATC CCT TCA AAC CAG CTC AAC CTT TAC CGG ATT GTT ATC ATT CTC | 931 |
| | Pro Ile Pro Ser Asn Gln Leu Asn Leu Tyr Arg Ile Val Ile Ile Leu | |
| | 265 270 275 | |
| | CGT CTT ATC ATC CTG ATG TTC TTC TTC CAA TAT CGT GTC ACT CAT CCA | 979 |
| 10 | Arg Leu Ile Ile Leu Met Phe Phe Phe Gln Tyr Arg Val Thr His Pro | |
| | 280 285 290 | |
| | GTG CGG GAT GCT TAT GGA TTG TGG CTA GTA TCT GTT ATC TGT GAA ATT | 1027 |
| | Val Arg Asp Ala Tyr Gly Leu Trp Leu Val Ser Val Ile Cys Glu Ile | |
| 15 | 295 300 305 | |
| | TGG TTG CCC TTA TCC TGG CTC CTA GAT CAA TTC CCA AAG TGG TAC CCG | 1075 |
| | Trp Leu Pro Leu Ser Trp Leu Leu Asp Gln Phe Pro Lys Trp Tyr Pro | |
| | 310 315 320 325 | |
| 20 | ATA AAC CGT GAA ACA TAC CTT GAC AGG CTT GCA TTG AGA TAT GAT AGG | 1123 |
| | Ile Asn Arg Glu Thr Tyr Leu Asp Arg Leu Ala Leu Arg Tyr Asp Arg | |
| | 330 335 340 | |
| 25 | GAG GGA GAG CCA TCA CAG CTT GCT CCC ATT GAT GTC TTT GTC AGT ACG | 1171 |
| | Glu Gly Glu Pro Ser Gln Leu Ala Pro Ile Asp Val Phe Val Ser Thr | |
| | 345 350 355 | |
| | GTG GAT CCA CTA AAG GAA CCT CCT CTG ATC ACA GCA AAC ACT GTT TTG | 1219 |
| 30 | Val Asp Pro Leu Lys Glu Pro Pro Leu Ile Thr Ala Asn Thr Val Leu | |
| | 360 365 370 | |
| | TCC ATT CTG GCT GTG GAT TAC CCT GTT GAC AAA GTG TCA TGC TAT GTT | 1267 |
| | Ser Ile Leu Ala Val Asp Tyr Pro Val Asp Lys Val Ser Cys Tyr Val | |
| 35 | 375 380 385 | |
| | TCT GAC GAT GGT TCA GCT ATG TTA ACT TTT GAG GCT CTG TCA GAA ACT | 1315 |
| | Ser Asp Asp Gly Ser Ala Met Leu Thr Phe Glu Ala Leu Ser Glu Thr | |
| | 390 395 400 405 | |

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GCA GAA TTT GCT AGG AAG TGG GTT CCG TTT TGC AAG AAG CAC AAT ATT 1363
 Ala Glu Phe Ala Arg Lys Trp Val Pro Phe Cys Lys Lys His Asn Ile
 410 415 420

5 GAA CCA CGA GCT CCA GAG TTT TAC TTT GCT CAA AAA ATA GAT TAC CTG 1411
 Gln Phe Glu Phe Tyr Phe Ala Gln Lys Ile Asp Tyr Leu
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AAG GAC AAA ATC CAA CCT TCC TTT GTT AAA GAA AGG CGG GCA ATG AAG 1459
 10 Lys Asp Lys Ile Gln Pro Ser Phe Val Lys Glu Arg Arg Ala Met Lys
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AGA GAG TAT GAA GAA TTC AAG GTA CGG ATC AAT GCT CTT GTT GCG AAG 1507
 Arg Glu Tyr Glu Glu Phe Lys Val Arg Ile Asn Ala Leu Val Ala Lys
 15 455 460 465

GCA CAA AAA GTA CCT GAA GAG GGG TGG ACC ATG GCT GAT GGC ACT GCT 1555
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20 TGG CCT GGG AAT AAC CCA AGG GAT CAC CCT GGC ATG ATT CAG GTG TTC 1603
 Trp Pro Gly Asn Asn Pro Arg Asp His Pro Gly Met Ile Gln Val Phe
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25 TTG GGG CAC AGT GGT GGG CTT GAC ACT GAT GGT AAC GAG TTG CCA CGG 1651
 Leu Gly His Ser Gly Gly Leu Asp Thr Asp Gly Asn Glu Leu Pro Arg
 505 510 515

CTT GTC TAC GTC TCT CGT GAA AAG AGG CCA GGA TTC CAG CAT CAC AAG 1699
 30 Leu Val Tyr Val Ser Arg Glu Lys Arg Pro Gly Phe Gln His His Lys
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AAG GCT GGT GCA ATG AAT GCA TTG ATT CGT GTA TCT GCT GTG 1741
 Lys Ala Gly Ala Met Asn Ala Leu Ile Arg Val Ser Ala Val
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:14:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 547 amino acids
 (B) TYPE: amino acid
 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:14:

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Met Ala Ala Asn Ala Gly Met Val Ala Gly Ser Arg Asn Arg Asn Glu
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15 Phe Val Met Ile Arg Pro Asp Gly Asp Ala Pro Pro Pro Ala Lys Pro
    20             25             30

    Gly Lys Ser Val Asn Gly Gln Val Cys Gln Ile Cys Gly Asp Thr Val
      35             40             45

20 Gly Val Ser Ala Thr Gly Asp Val Phe Val Ala Cys Asn Glu Cys Ala
    50             55             60

    Phe Pro Val Cys Arg Pro Cys Tyr Glu Tyr Glu Arg Lys Glu Gly Asn
25 65             70             75             80

    Gln Cys Cys Pro Gln Cys Lys Thr Arg Tyr Lys Arg His Lys Gly Cys
      85             90             95

30 Pro Arg Val Gln Gly Asp Glu Glu Glu Glu Asp Val Asp Asp Leu Asp
    100            105            110

    Asn Glu Phe His Tyr Lys His Gly Asn Gly Lys Gly Pro Glu Trp Gln
      115            120            125

35 Ile Gln Arg Gln Gly Glu Asp Val Asp Leu Ser Ser Ser Ser Arg His
    130            135            140

    Glu Gln His Arg Ile Pro Arg Leu Thr Ser Gly Gln Gln Ile Ser Gly
40 145            150            155            160

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Glu Ile Pro Asp Ala Ser Pro Asp Arg His Ser Ile Arg Ser Gly Thr
165 170 175

Ser Ser Tyr Val Asp Pro Ser Val Pro Val Pro Val Arg Ile Val Asp
5 180 185 190

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| 195 | 200 | 205 |
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10 Glu Arg Val Ala Ser Trp Arg Asn Lys Gln Asp Lys Asn Met Met Gln
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| Val | Ala | Asn | Lys | Tyr | Pro | Glu | Ala | Arg | Gly | Gly | Asp | Met | Glu | Gly | Thr |
| 225 | | | | | 230 | | | | | 235 | | | | | 240 |

15 Gly Ser Asn Gly Glu Asp Ile Gln Met Val Asp Asp Ala Arg Leu Pro
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Leu Ser Arg Ile Val Pro Ile Pro Ser Asn Gln Leu Asn Leu Tyr Arg
20 260 265 270

Ile Val Ile Ile Leu Arg Leu Ile Ile Leu Met Phe Phe Phe Gln Tyr
275 280 285

25 Arg Val Thr His Pro Val Arg Asp Ala Tyr Gly Leu Trp Leu Val Ser
290 295 300

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| Val | Ile | Cys | Glu | Ile | Trp | Leu | Pro | Leu | Ser | Trp | Leu | Leu | Asp | Gln | Phe |
| 305 | | | | | 310 | | | | | 315 | | | | | 320 |

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Pro Lys Trp Tyr Pro Ile Asn Arg Glu Thr Tyr Leu Asp Arg Leu Ala
325 330 335

Leu Arg Tyr Asp Arg Glu Gly Glu Pro Ser Gln Leu Ala Pro Ile Asp
35 340 345 350

Val Phe Val Ser Thr Val Asp Pro Leu Lys Glu Pro Pro Leu Ile Thr
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Ala Asn Thr Val Leu Ser Ile Leu Ala Val Asp Tyr Pro Val Asp Lys
370 375 380

5 Val Ser Cys Tyr Val Ser Asp Asp Gly Ser Ala Met Leu Thr Phe Glu
385 390 395 400

Ala Leu Ser Glu Thr Ala Glu Phe Ala Arg Lys Trp Val Pro Phe Cys
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10 Lys Lys His Asn Ile Glu Pro Arg Ala Pro Glu Phe Tyr Phe Ala Gln
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Lys Ile Asp Tyr Leu Lys Asp Lys Ile Gln Pro Ser Phe Val Lys Glu
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Arg Arg Ala Met Lys Arg Glu Tyr Glu Glu Phe Lys Val Arg Ile Asn
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20 Ala Leu Val Ala Lys Ala Gln Lys Val Pro Glu Glu Gly Trp Thr Met
465 470 475 480

Ala Asp Gly Thr Ala Trp Pro Gly Asn Asn Pro Arg Asp His Pro Gly
485 490 495

25 Met Ile Gln Val Phe Leu Gly His Ser Gly Gly Leu Asp Thr Asp Gly
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Asn Glu Leu Pro Arg Leu Val Tyr Val Ser Arg Glu Lys Arg Pro Gly
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Phe Gln His His Lys Lys Ala Gly Ala Met Asn Ala Leu Ile Arg Val
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35 Ser Ala Val
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CLAIMS:

1. An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide of the cellulose biosynthetic pathway or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof or a complementary sequence thereto, wherein said polypeptide is capable of producing cellulose and/or β -1,4-



2. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 wherein the polypeptide is cellulose synthase or a catalytic subunit thereof.

10 3. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 or 2, derived from a prokaryote.

4. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 3, wherein the prokaryote is a bacterium other than *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*, *Acetobacter pasteurianus* or *Acetobacter*
15 *xylinum*.

5. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 or 2, derived from a eukaryote.

20 6. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 5, wherein the eukaryote is a plant or fungus.

7. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 6, wherein the plant is selected from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa*
25 (rice), wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Eucalyptus ssp.*, hemp, jute, flax, *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, and *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

8. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 2 wherein the cellulose synthase or catalytic subunit thereof is the *Arabidopsis thaliana* RSW1 polypeptide.

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9. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 8, comprising a sequence of nucleotides which is at least 40% identical to any one of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13 or a complementary sequence thereof.

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10. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 9, wherein the percentage identity to any one of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13 or a complementary sequence thereof is at least 60%.

10 11. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 9, wherein the percentage identity to any one of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13 or a complementary sequence thereof is at least 80%.

12. An isolated nucleic acid molecule which comprises a sequence of nucleotides
15 substantially as set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOs:3, 4, 5, 7, 9 or 11 or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof or a complementary sequence thereto.

13. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 12, wherein said nucleic acid molecule hybridizes under at least low stringency conditions to at least 20
20 contiguous nucleotides of any one of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13 or a complementary sequence thereto.

14. An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide which is capable of cellulose and/or β -1,4- glucan biosynthesis in a plant cell, fungal cell, insect cell, animal cell,
25 yeast cell or bacterial cell when expressed therein.


15. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 14, wherein the polypeptide is cellulose synthase or a catalytic subunit thereof.

30 16. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 14 or 15, derived from a

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prokaryote

17. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 16, wherein the prokaryote is a bacterium other than *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*, *Acetobacter pasteurianus* or *Acetobacter*



18. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 14 or 15, derived from a eukaryote.

10 19. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 18, wherein the eukaryote is a plant or fungus.

20. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 19, wherein the plant is selected from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa*
15 (rice), wheat, barley, maize, *Brassica ssp.*, *Eucalyptus ssp.*, hemp, jute, flax, *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, and *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

21. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 20, wherein the cellulose synthase or catalytic subunit thereof is the *Arabidopsis thaliana* RSW1 polypeptide.

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22. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 14 to 21, comprising a sequence of nucleotides which is at least 40% identical to any one of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13 or a complementary sequence thereto.

25 23. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 22, wherein the percentage identity to any one of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13 or a complementary sequence thereof is at least 60%.

24. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 22, wherein the percentage
30 identity to any one of SEQ ID NOs:1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11 or 13 or a complementary sequence

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thereof is at least 80%.

25. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 22, comprising the sequence of nucleotides substantially as set forth in any one of SEQ ID NOs:3, 4, 5, 7, 9 or 11 or a
5 homologue, analogue or derivative thereof or a complementary sequence thereto.

26. An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes or is complementary to a nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide capable of cellulose and/or β -1,4-glucan biosynthesis wherein said polypeptide comprises a sequence of amino acids which is at least
10 40% identical to any one of SEQ ID Nos:2, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14.

27. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 26, wherein the percentage identity to any one of SEQ ID Nos:2, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14 is at least 60%.

15 28. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 27, wherein the percentage identity to any one of SEQ ID Nos:2, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14 is at least 80%.

29. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 26, wherein the polypeptide comprises a sequence of amino acids substantially as set forth in any one of SEQ ID Nos:2,
20 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14.

30. A genetic construct which comprises the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 29.

25 31. A genetic construct which comprises the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 29 operably connected to a promoter sequence.

32. The genetic construct according to claim 31, wherein the nucleic acid molecule is operably connected to the promoter sequence in the sense orientation such that RNA which
30 encodes a polypeptide capable of cellulose and/or β -1,4-glucan biosynthesis or a homologue,

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analogue or derivative thereof is produced when said nucleic acid molecule is expressed.

33. The genetic construct according to claim 31, wherein the nucleic acid molecule is operably connected to the promoter sequence in the antisense orientation such that RNA

1,4-glucan biosynthesis or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof, is produced when said nucleic acid molecule is expressed.

34. The genetic construct according to claim 33, wherein the nucleic acid molecule
10 encodes an antisense or ribozyme molecule.

35. The genetic construct according to any one of claims 31 to 34, wherein the promoter is the CaMV 35S promoter.

15 36. The genetic construct according to any one of claims 31 to 34, wherein the promoter is the *Arabidopsis thaliana* RSW1 gene promoter.

37. A method of increasing the level of cellulose in a cell, tissue, organ or organism, said method comprising expressing the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of
20 claims 1 to 29 therein, in the sense orientation, for a time and under conditions at least sufficient to produce or increase expression of the polypeptide encoded therefor.

38. The method according to claim 37, comprising the additional first step of transforming the cell, tissue, organ or organism with the isolated nucleic acid molecule.

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39. The method according to claim 38, wherein the cell is a prokaryotic cell.

40. The method according to claim 38, wherein the cell, tissue, organ or organism is a eukaryotic cell, tissue, organ or organism.

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41. The method according to claim 40, wherein the cell, tissue, organ or organism is a plant, fungal, insect, animal or yeast cell, tissue, organ or organism.

42. The method according to claim 41, wherein the cell, tissue, organ or organism is a
5 plant cell, tissue, organ or organism.

43. The method according to claim 42 wherein the plant is selected from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa* (rice), *Eucalyptus ssp.*, *Brassica ssp.*, wheat, barley, maize, hemp, jute, flax, and woody plants
10 such as *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

44. A method of reducing the level of non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan in a cell, tissue, organ or organism, said method comprising expressing the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 29 therein, in the sense orientation, for a time and under conditions
15 at least sufficient to produce or increase expression of the polypeptide encoded therefor.

45. The method according to claim 44, comprising the additional first step of transforming the cell, tissue, organ or organism with the isolated nucleic acid molecule.
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46. The method according to claim 44, wherein the cell is a prokaryotic cell.

47. The method according to claim 44, wherein the cell, tissue, organ or organism is a eukaryotic cell, tissue, organ or organism.
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48. The method according to claim 47, wherein the cell, tissue, organ or organism is a plant, fungal, insect, animal or yeast cell, tissue, organ or organism.

49. The method according to claim 48, wherein the cell, tissue, organ or organism is a
30 plant cell, tissue, organ or organism.

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50. The method according to claim 50 wherein the plant is selected from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa* (rice), *Eucalyptus ssp.*, *Brassica ssp.*, wheat, barley, maize, hemp, jute, flax, and woody plants such as *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

51. A method of reducing the level of starch in a cell, tissue, organ or organism, said method comprising expressing the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 29 therein, in the sense orientation, for a time and under conditions at least sufficient to produce or increase expression of the polypeptide encoded therefor.

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52. The method according to claim 50, comprising the additional first step of transforming the cell, tissue, organ or organism with the isolated nucleic acid molecule.

53. The method according to claim 51, wherein the cell is a prokaryotic cell.

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54. The method according to claim 53, wherein the cell, tissue, organ or organism is a eukaryotic cell, tissue, organ or organism.

55. The method according to claim 54, wherein the eukaryote is a plant, fungus, insect,
20 animal or yeast.

56. The method according to claim 55, wherein the eukaryote is a plant.

57. The method according to claim 56 wherein the plant is selected from the list
25 comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa* (rice), *Eucalyptus ssp.*, *Brassica ssp.*, wheat, barley, maize, hemp, jute, flax, and woody plants such as *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

58. A method of reducing the level of cellulose in a cell, tissue, organ or organism, said
30 method comprising expressing the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of

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claims 1 to 29 therein, in the antisense orientation, for a time and under conditions at least sufficient to prevent or reduce the expression of the polypeptide encoded therefor.

59. The method according to claim 58, comprising the additional first step of
5 transforming the cell, tissue, organ or organism with the isolated nucleic acid molecule.

60. The method according to claims 58 or 59, wherein the cell, tissue, organ or organism is a eukaryotic cell, tissue, organ or organism.

10 61. The method according to claim 60, wherein the eukaryote is a plant, fungus, insect, animal or yeast.

62. The method according to claim 61, wherein the eukaryote is a plant.

15 63. The method according to claim 62 wherein the plant is selected from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa* (rice), *Eucalyptus ssp.*, *Brassica ssp.*, wheat, barley, maize, hemp, jute, flax, and woody plants such as *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

20 64. A method of increasing the level of non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan in a cell, tissue, organ or organism, said method comprising expressing the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 29 therein, in the antisense orientation, for a time and under conditions at least sufficient to prevent or reduce the expression of the polypeptide encoded therefor.

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65. The method according to claim 64, comprising the additional first step of transforming the cell, tissue, organ or organism with the isolated nucleic acid molecule.

66. The method according to claims 64 or 65, wherein the cell, tissue, organ or organism
30 is a eukaryotic cell, tissue, organ or organism.

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67. The method according to claim 66, wherein the eukaryote is a plant, fungus, insect, animal or yeast.

68. The method according to claim 67, wherein the eukaryote is a plant.

69. The method according to claim 68 wherein the plant is selected from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa* (rice), *Eucalyptus ssp.*, *Brassica ssp.*, wheat, barley, maize, hemp, jute, flax, and woody plants such as *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

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70. A method of increasing the level of starch in a cell, tissue, organ or organism, said method comprising expressing the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 29 therein, in the antisense orientation, for a time and under conditions at least sufficient to prevent or reduce the expression of the polypeptide encoded therefor.

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71. The method according to claim 70, comprising the additional first step of transforming the cell, tissue, organ or organism with the isolated nucleic acid molecule.

72. The method according to claims 70 or 71, wherein the cell, tissue, organ or organism
20 is a eukaryotic cell, tissue, organ or organism.

73. The method according to claim 72, wherein the eukaryote is a plant, fungus, insect, animal or yeast.

25 74. The method according to claim 73, wherein the eukaryote is a plant.

75. The method according to claim 74 wherein the plant is selected from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa* (rice), *Eucalyptus ssp.*, *Brassica ssp.*, wheat, barley, maize, hemp, jute, flax, and woody plants
30 such as *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

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76. A method of producing a recombinant enzymatically active polypeptide which is capable of synthesizing cellulose and/or β -1,4-glucan and/or an intermediate between cellulose and β -1,4-glucan in a cell, said method comprising expressing the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 29 or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof in said cell for a time and under conditions sufficient for the polypeptide encoded therefor to be produced.

77. The method according to claim 76, comprising the additional first step of transforming the cell with the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 29 or the genetic construct according to any one of claims 11 to 15.

78. A recombinant polypeptide produced according to the method defined by claim 76 or 77.

79. The recombinant cellulose biosynthetic polypeptide according to claim 78, further defined as a recombinant cellulose synthase or catalytically active subunit thereof.

80. A recombinant cellulose biosynthetic polypeptide capable of cellulose and/or β -1,4-glucan production and comprising a sequence of amino acids set forth in any one of SEQ ID Nos: 2, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14 or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof which is at least 40% identical thereto.

81. The recombinant cellulose biosynthetic polypeptide according to claim 80, wherein the percentage identity to any one of SEQ ID Nos: 2, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14 is at least 60%.

82. The recombinant cellulose biosynthetic polypeptide according to claim 81, wherein the percentage identity to any one of SEQ ID Nos: 2, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 14 is at least 80%.

83. The recombinant cellulose biosynthetic polypeptide according to claim 82, comprising a sequence of amino acids substantially as set forth in any one of SEQ ID Nos: 2, 6, 8, 10,

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12 or 14.

84. A method of altering the mechanical properties of a cell wall, said method comprising expressing the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 29 in the

non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan to increase in said cell.

85. The method according to claim 84 wherein the non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan is cross-linked to cellulose microfibrils.

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86. The method according to claim 84 or 85 wherein the cell wall normally has a high ratio of cellulose to hemicelluloses.

87. The method according to any one of claims 84 to 86, wherein the nucleic acid
15 molecule expressed in the antisense orientation is contained within an antisense molecule or ribozyme molecule.

88. The method according to any one of claims 84 to 87, wherein the cell wall is a plant cell wall.

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89. The method according to claim 88, wherein the plant is selected from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa* (rice), *Eucalyptus ssp.*, *Brassica ssp.*, wheat, barley, maize, hemp, jute, flax, and woody plants such as *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

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90. An antibody molecule which binds to the recombinant polypeptide according to any one of claims 78 to 83 or a homologue, analogue or derivative thereof.

91. A transgenic plant transformed with the isolated nucleic acid molecule according to
30 any one of claims 1 to 29 or a genetic construct according to any one of claims 30 to 36.

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92. The transgenic plant according to claim 91, wherein said plant is selected from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa* (rice), *Eucalyptus ssp.*, *Brassica ssp.*, wheat, barley, maize, hemp, jute, flax, and woody plants such as *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

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93. Use of an isolated nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 29 to modify the cellulose content of a cell.

94. Use according to claim 93, wherein if the nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 29 is expressed in the sense orientation in said cell, the level of cellulose therein is increased.

95. Use according to claim 93, wherein if the nucleic acid molecule according to any one of claims 1 to 29 is expressed in the antisense orientation in said cell, the level of cellulose therein is decreased.

96. Use according to claim 95, wherein said cell is further characterised by increased non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan content and/or starch content.

97. Use according to claim 95 or 96, wherein said cell is further characterised by increased cross-linking of non-crystalline β -1,4-glucan to cellulose.

98. Use according to any one of claims 93 to 97, wherein the cell is a plant cell.

99. Use according to claim 98 wherein the plant is selected from the list comprising *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Gossypium hirsutum* (cotton), *Oryza sativa* (rice), *Eucalyptus ssp.*, *Brassica ssp.*, wheat, barley, maize, hemp, jute, flax, and woody plants such as *Pinus ssp.*, *Populus ssp.*, *Picea spp.*, amongst others.

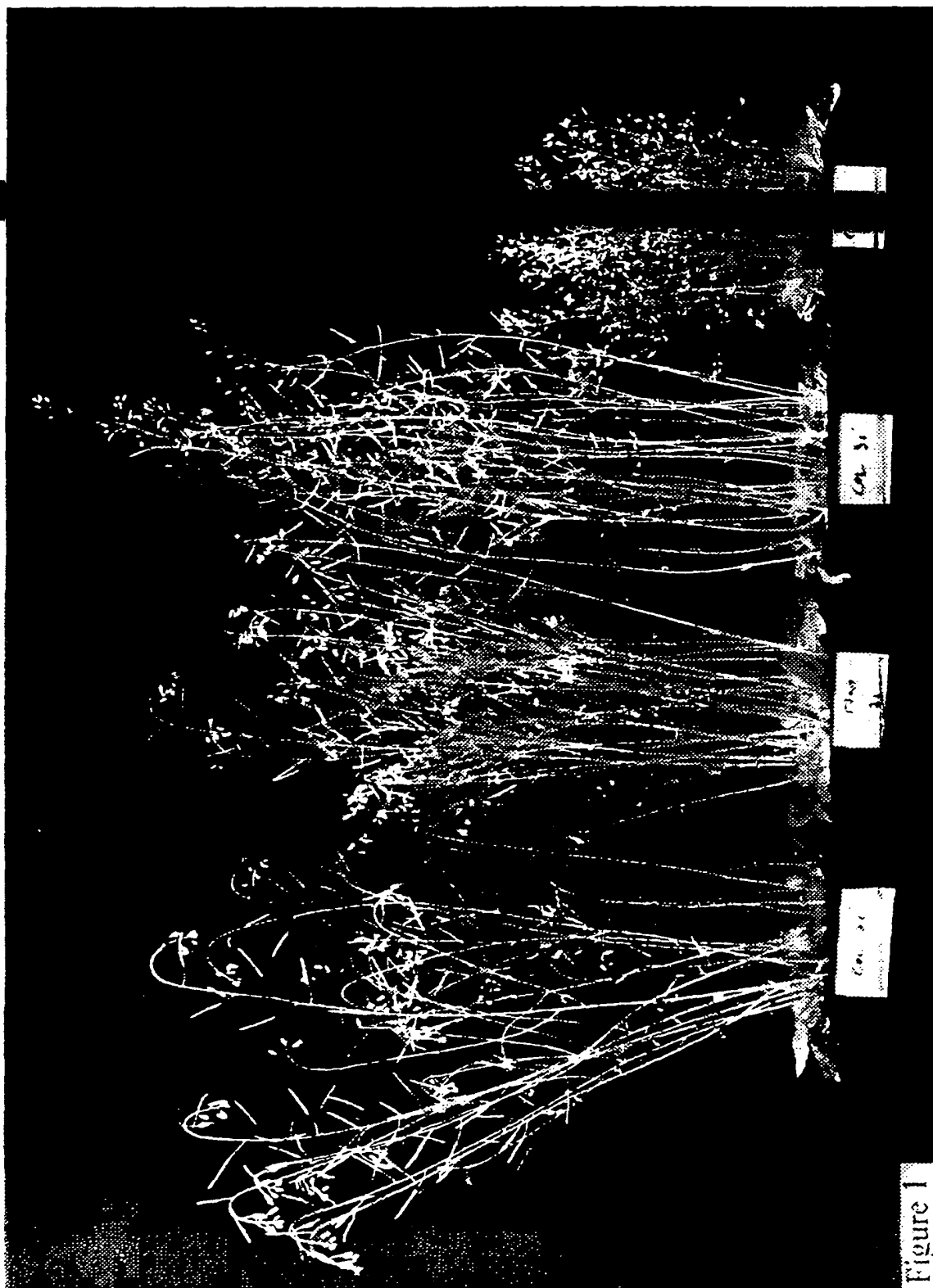


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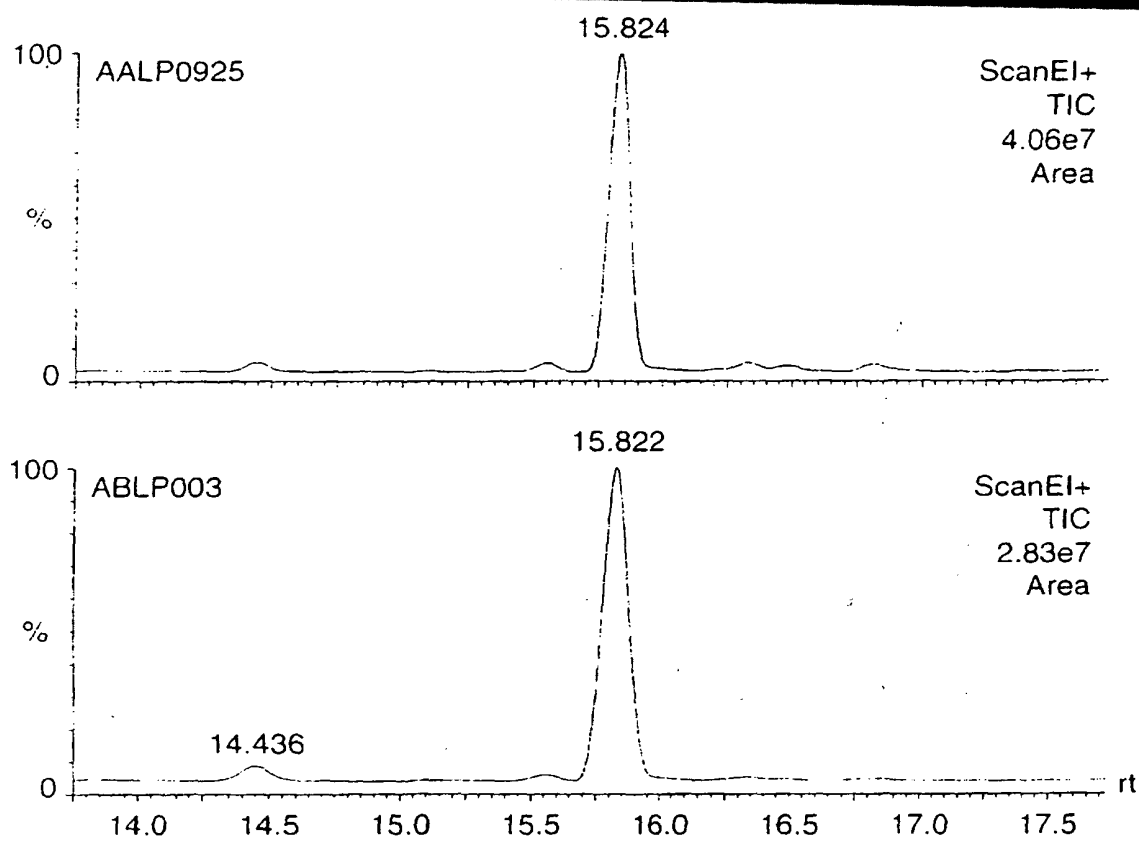


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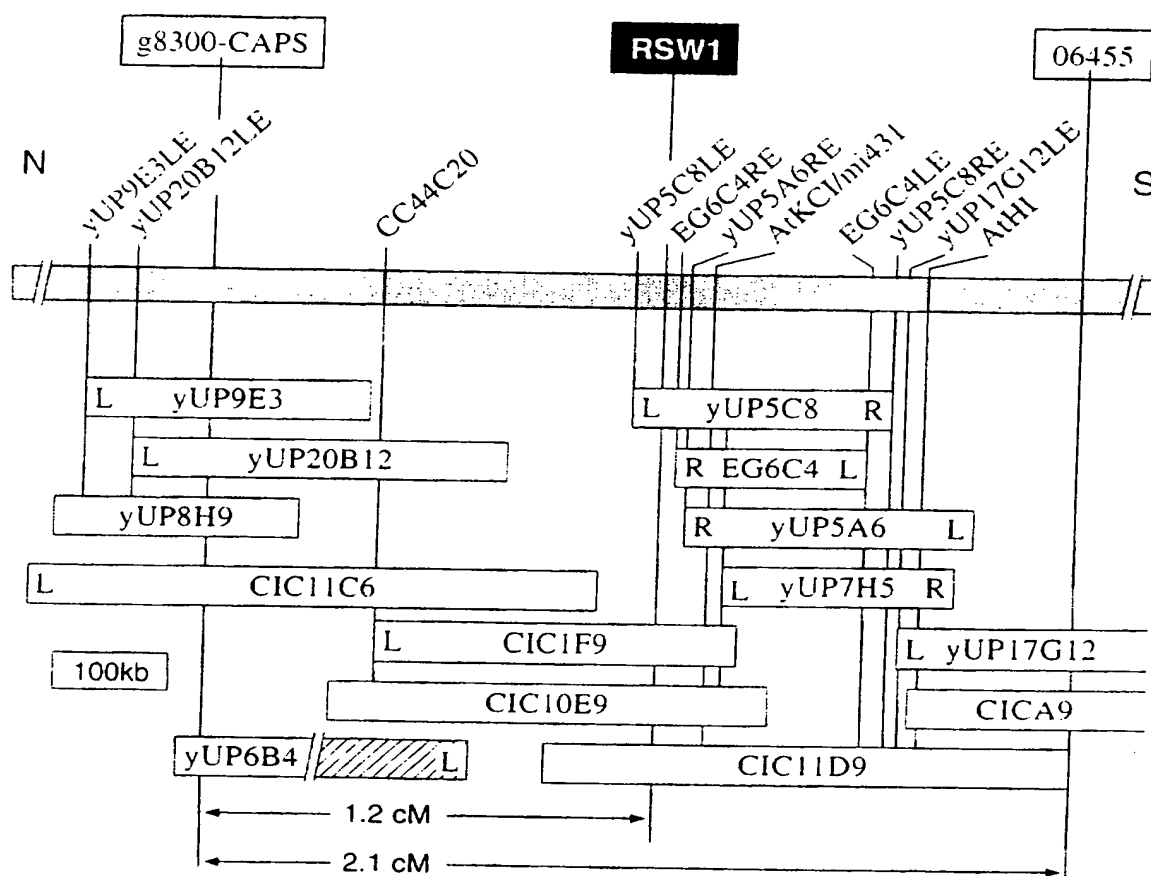


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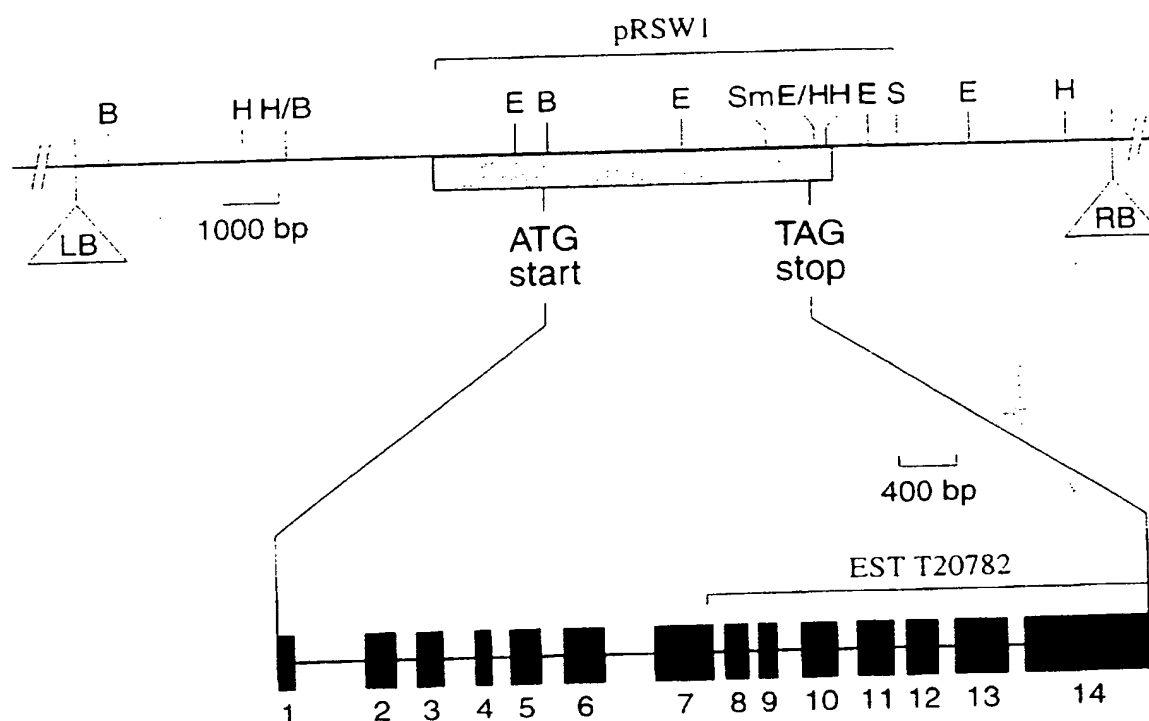


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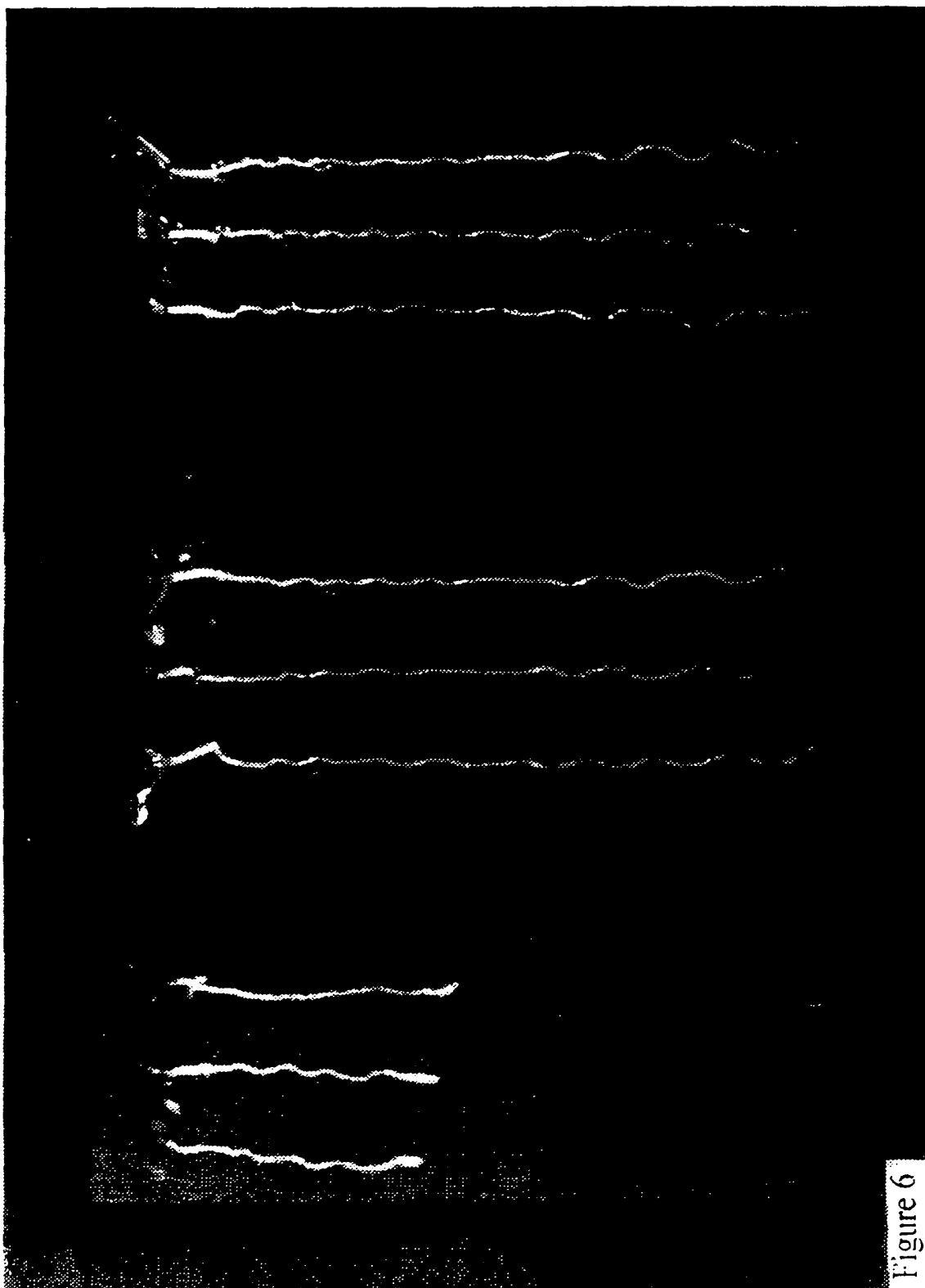


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| | 10 | 20 | 30 |
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| RSW1 | M E A S A G L V A G S Y R R N E L V R I R H E S D G G - - T | | |
| Ath-A | M N T G G R L I A G S H N R N E F V L I N A D E S A R - - I | | |
| S0542 | M A A N A G M V A G S R N R N E F V M I R P D G D A P P P A | | |
| Ath-B | | | M E S E G E T A G |
| CelA1 | | | |
| SOYSTF1A | M V T G S H E R N E L V R V R H G S D S G - - S | | |
| SOYSTF1B | M V T G S H E R N E L V R V R H G S D S R - - S | | |

| | 40 | 50 | 60 |
|----------|---|----|----|
| RSW1 | K P L K N M N G Q I C Q I C G D D V G L A E T G D V F V A C | | |
| Ath-A | R S V Q E L S G Q T C Q I C G D E I E L T V S S E L F V A C | | |
| S0542 | K P G K S V N G Q V C Q I C G D T V G V S A T G D V F V A C | | |
| Ath-B | K P M K N I V P Q T C Q I C S D N V G K T V D G D R F V A C | | |
| CelA1 | M M E S G V P V C H T C G E H V G L N V N G E P F V A C | | |
| SOYSTF1A | K P L K N L N G Q I C Q I C G D T I G L T A T G D L F V A C | | |
| SOYSTF1B | K P L K N L N G Q S C Q I C G D T I G L T A T G D V F V A C | | |

| | 70 | 80 | 90 |
|----------|---|----|----|
| RSW1 | N E C A F P V C R P C Y E Y E R K D G T Q C C P Q C K T R F | | |
| Ath-A | N E C A F P V C R P C Y E Y E R R E G N Q A C P Q C K T R Y | | |
| S0542 | N E C A F P V C R P C Y E Y E R K E G N Q C C P Q C K T R Y | | |
| Ath-B | D I C S F P V C R P C Y E Y E R K D G N Q S C P Q C K T R Y | | |
| CelA1 | H E C N F P I C K S C F E Y D L K E G R K A C L R C G S P Y | | |
| SOYSTF1A | H E C G F P L C H S C Y E Y E L K N V S Q S C P Q C K T T F | | |
| SOYSTF1B | H E C G F P L C H S C Y E Y E - K H M S Q S C P Q C K T A F | | |

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| | 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 |
| RSW1 | MEASAGLVAGSYRRNELVRIRHESDGG..TKPLKNMNGQICQICGDDVGLAETGDFVAC | | | | | |
| Ath-A | MNTGGRLLIAGSHNRNEFVLINADESAR..IRSVQELSGQTCQICGDEIELTVSSELFVAC | | | | | |
| S0542 | MAANAGMVAGSRNRNEFVMIRPDGDAPPAKPGKSVNGQVCQICGDTVGVSATGDFVAC | | | | | |
| Ath-B | MESEGETAGKPMKNIVPQTCQICSDNVGKTVDGDRFVAC | | | | | |
| CelA1 | MMESGVPVCHTCGEHVGLNVNGEPFVAC | | | | | |
| CelA2 | | | | | | |
| D48636 | | | | | | |
| | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 | 110 | 120 |
| RSW1 | NECAFVPCRPCYEYERKDGTCQCCPQCKTRFRHRHSGSPRVEGDEDEDVDDIENEFNYAQG | | | | | |
| Ath-A | NECAFVPCRPCYEYERREGNQACPQCKTRYKRIKGSPRVDGDDDEEEDIDDLLEYEFDHGM | | | | | |
| S0542 | NECAFVPCRPCYEYERKEGNQCCPQCKTRYKRHKGCPRVQGDDEEEDVDDLDNEFHYKHG | | | | | |
| Ath-B | DICSFVPCRPCYEYERKDGNGQSCPQCKTRYKRLKGSPIPGDKDEDEGLADEGTVEFNYPQ | | | | | |
| CelA1 | HECNFPICKSCFEYDLKEGRKACLRCGSPYDENLLDDVEKATGDQSTMAAHLNKSQDVGI | | | | | |
| CelA2 | | | | | | |
| D48636 | | | | | | |

FIGURE 9 (CONT I)

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| | 130 | 140 | 150 | 160 | 170 | 180 |
| RSW1 | ANKA..... | RHQHGEFFSSSRHESQIPL | LLTHGHTVSGE | | | TPDQTQSVRTT |
| Ath-A | DPEHAAEALSSRLNTGRGGLDSAPPGSQIPL | LLTYCDEADMYSDRHA | | | | VPPSTGYGNR |
| S0542 | NGKGPWEQI..... | QRQGEDVDLSSSRHEQHRI | PRLTSGQQISGE | | | DASPDHRHSIR |
| Ath-B | K.EKISERMLGWHLTRGKGEEMGEPQYDKEVSHNHL | PRLTSRQDTSGE | | | | AAASPERLSVS |
| Cel-A1 | | | | | | |
| Cel-A2 | | | | | | |
| D48636 | | | | | | |

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|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----|---------------|
| | 190 | 200 | 210 | 220 | 230 | 240 |
| RSW1 | SGPLGPSDRNAISSPYIDPRQVPVRI | VDPSKDLNSYGLGNVDWKERV | | | | EWKLLKQEKNNML |
| Ath-A | VY..... | PAPFTDSSAPPQARSMPQKDIAEYGYG | SVAVKDRM | | | WKKRRQGEKLLQ |
| S0542 | SG..... | TSSYVDPSVPVRI | VDPSKDLNSYGINSDWQERV | | | SWRNKQDKNNMM |
| Ath-B | ST..... | IAGGKRLPYSSDVNQSPNRRI | VDPVGLGNVAVKERV | | | EWKMKQEKNTG |
| Cel-A1 | | HARHISVSTLDSEMAEDNGNSI | WKNRV | | | EWKEKKNKKKK |
| Cel-A2 | | | | | | |
| D48636 | | | | | | |

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| | | | | | | STTRPGNVAVKERV |
| | | | | | | EWKLLKQDKGAI |

FIGURE 9 (CONT II)

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| | 250 | 260 | 270 | 280 | 290 | 300 |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| RSW1 | QMT..... | GKYHEGKGGEIEGTSGNGEELQ | MADDTRLPMSRVVPI | PSSRLTPYRVV | IIL | |
| Ath-A | VIK..... | HEGNNGRGSNDDDELDDP | MPMMDEGRQPLSRKL | PIRSSRINPYRML | LILC | |
| S0542 | QVA..... | NKYPEARGGMEGTSGNGEDI | QMVDARLPLSRIV | PIPSNQLNLYRIV | IIL | |
| Ath-B | PV..... | STQAASERGGVDIDASTDIL | ADEALLNDEARQLLSR | KVSI PSSRINPYR | MVIML | |
| Cel-A1 | PAT..... | TKVEREAEIPPEQQMEDK | PAPDASQPLSTIIP | PKSRLAPYRTV | IIM | |
| Cel-A2 | | | | | | |
| D48636 | PMTNGTSIAPSEGRGVGD | IDASTDYNMEDALLNDETR | QPLSRKVPLPSSR | INPYR | MVIVL | |
| | 310 | 320 | 330 | 340 | 350 | 360 |
| RSW1 | RLIILCFFLQYRTH | HPVKNAYPLWLTSV | ICEIWFAFSWLLD | QFPKWYPINRETYL | DRLAI | |
| Ath-A | RLAILGLFFHYRIL | HPVNDAYGLWLTSV | ICEIWFAVSWILD | QFPKWYPIERETYL | DRLSL | |
| S0542 | RLIILMFFFQYRV | THPVRDAYGLWLVS | VICEIWLPLSWLLD | QFPKWYPINRETYL | DRLAL | |
| Ath-B | RLVILCLFLHYRIT | NPVPNAFALWLVS | VICEIWFALSWILD | QFPKWFPVNRETYL | DRLAL | |
| Cel-A1 | RLIILGLFFHYRV | TNPVDSAFGLWLTS | VICEIWFFAFSWVLD | QFPKWYPVNRETYI | DRLSA | |
| Cel-A2 | | | | | | |
| D48636 | RLVVLISIFLHYRIT | NPVRNAYPLWLLSV | ICEIWFALSWILD | QFPKWFPINRETYL | DRLAL | |

FIGURE 9 (CONT III)

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|---------------|--|-----|-----|-------------|-----|------------|
| RSW1 | RYDRGEPSQLVPVDVFVSTVDPLKEPPLVTANTVLSILSVDYPVDKVL | 4 | 400 | 420 | | |
| Ath-A | RYKEGKPSGLAPVDVFVSTVDPLKEPPLITANTVLSILAVDYPVDKVL | | | YVSDDDGSAML | | |
| S0542 | RYDREGPSQLAPIDVVFVSTVDPLKEPPLITANTVLSILAVDYPVDKVL | | | YVSDDDGAAML | | |
| Ath-B | RLVILCLFLHYRITNPVPNAFALWLVSVICEIWFALSWILDQFPKWFP | | | YVSDDDGSAML | | |
| Cel-A1 | RYEREGEDELAAVDFFVSTVDPLKEPPLITANTVLSILALDYPVDKVL | | | RETYLDRLLAL | | |
| Cel-A2 | | | | YISDDGAAML | | |
| D48636 | RYDREGPSQLAAVDIFVSTVDPMPKEPPLVTANTVLSILAVDYPVDKVL | | | YVSDDDGAAML | | |
| RSW1 | TFESLSETAEFAKKWVPFCKKFNIEPRAPEFFYFAQKIDYLLKDKIQPSF | 430 | 440 | 450 | 460 | 480 |
| Ath-A | TFEALSDTAEFARKWVPFCKKFNIEPRAPEWYFSQKMDYLLKNKVHPAF | | | | | ERRAMKREYE |
| S0542 | TFEALSETAEFAKKWVPFCKKHNIEPRAPEFFYFAQKIDYLLKDKIQPSF | | | | | ERRAMKRDYE |
| Ath-B | SFESLAETSEFARKWVPFCKKYSIEPRAPEWYFAAKIDYLLKDKVQTSE | | | | | ERRAMKREYE |
| Cel-A1 | TFESLVEADFAKKWVPFCKKFSIEPRAPEFFYFSQKIDYLLKDKVQPSF | | | | | ERRAMKRDYE |
| Cel-A2 | RRWVPFCKKHNVEPRAPEFFYFNEKIDYLLKDKVHPSE | | | | | ERRAMKREYE |
| D48636 | TFDALLAETSEFARKWVPFVKKNIEPRAPEWYFSQKIDYLLKDKVHPSE | | | | | ERRAMKREYE |

FIGURE 9 (CONT IV)

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| | 490 | 500 | 510 | 520 | 530 | 540 |
| RSW1 | EFKVRINALVAKAQKIPEEGWTMQDGTWP | PGNNTRDHPGMIQVFLGHSGLD | TDGNE | LP | | |
| Ath-A | EFKVKINALVATAQKVPEEGWTMQDGTWP | PGNNVRDHPGMIQVFLGHSVDRD | TDGNE | LP | | |
| S0542 | EFKVRINALVAKAQKVPEEGWTMADGTAWP | PGNNPRDHPGMIQVFLGHSGLD | TDGNE | LP | | |
| Ath-B | EFKIRINALVSKALKCPEEGWVMQDGTWP | PGNNTGDHPGMIQVFLGQNGGLDAEGNE | LP | | | |
| Cel-A1 | EYKIRINALVAKAQKTPDEGWTMQDGTWP | PGNNPRDHPGMIQVFLGYSGARDIEGNE | LP | | | |
| Cel-A2 | EFKVRINALVAKAQKKPEEGWVMQDGTWP | PGNNTRDHPGMIQVYLGSAALDV | DGKEL | LP | | |
| D48636 | EFKVRINGLVAKAQKVPEEGWIMQDGTWP | PGNNTRDHPGMIQVFLGHSGLD | TEGNE | LP | | |
| | 550 | 560 | 570 | 580 | 590 | 600 |
| RSW1 | LIYVSREKRPGFQHHKKAGAMNALIRVSA | VLTN | GAYLLNVDCDHYFNNSKAIKEAMCFMM | | | |
| Ath-A | LVYVSREKRPGFDHKKKAGAMNSLIRVSA | VL | SNAPYLLNVDCDHYINNSKAIRESMCFMM | | | |
| S0542 | LVYVSREKRPGFQHHKKAGAMNALIRVSA | | | | | |
| Ath-B | LVYVSREKRPGFQHHKKAGAMNALVRVSA | VL | TNGPFI | LNLD | CDHYINNSKALREAMCFLM | |
| Cel-A1 | LVYVSREKRPGYQHHKKAGAENALVRVSA | VL | TNAPFI | LNLD | CDHYVNNSKAVREAMCFLM | |
| Cel-A2 | LVYVSREKRPGYQHHKKAGAENALVRVSA | VL | TNAPFI | LNLD | CDHYINNSKAMREAMCFLM | |
| D48636 | LVYVSREKRPGFQHHKKAGAMNALVRVSA | VL | TNGQYMLNLD | CDHYINNSKALREAMCFLM | | |

FIGURE 9 (CONT V)

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|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----|-------------|
| | 610 | 620 | 630 | 640 | 650 | 660 |
| RSW1 | DPAIGKKCCYVQFPQRF | DGIDLH | DRYANRNIVFF | DINMKGLDGIQGPV | | GTGCCCFNRQA |
| Ath-A | DPQSGKKVCYVQFPQRF | DGIDRH | DRYSNRNVVFF | DINMKGLDGIQGPI | | GTGCVFRKQA |
| S0542 | | | | | | |
| Ath-B | DPNLGKQVCYVQFPQRF | DGIDKND | RYANRNTVFF | DINLRGLDGIQGPV | | GTGCVFNRTA |
| Cel-A1 | DPQVGRDVCYVQFPQRF | DGIDRSD | RYANRNTVFF | DVNMKGLDGIQGPV | | GTGCVFNRTA |
| Cel-A2 | DPQFGKKLCYVQFPQRF | DGIDRH | RYANRNVVFF | DINMLGLDGLQGPV | | GTGCVFNRTA |
| D48636 | DPNLGRSVCYVQFPQRF | DGIDRND | RYANRNTVFF | DINLRGLDGIQGPV | | GTGCVFNRTA |
| | 670 | 680 | 690 | 700 | 710 | 720 |
| RSW1 | LYGYDPVLTEEDLEPNI | IVKSCCGSRKK | GKSSKKYNYE | | |KRR |
| Ath-A | LYGFDAPKKKPPGKTC | NCWPKWCC | LCGLRKKSKTKA | | |KDKKT |
| S0542 | | | | | | |
| Ath-B | LYGYEPPPIKVHKKPS | LLSKLCGGS | RKKNSKAKKESDK | | |KKSGR |
| Cel-A1 | LYGYGPPSPSPFKSSS | ...SSCSCC | CPGKKEPKDPS | | |ELYRDA |
| Cel-A2 | LYGYDPPVSEKRPKMT | CDCWPSW | CCCCCGSRKKSKKGEKGLLGL | | | GKKKKMMGKN |
| D48636 | LYGYEPPPIQKKKGS | FLSSLCGGR | KKASKKKKSSDK | | |KKSNN |

FIGURE 9 (CONT VI)

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| | 730 | 740 | 750 | 760 | 770 | 780 |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-----|
| RSW1 | GINRSDSNAPLFN | MEDIDEGFEGYDD | ERSILMSQRSVEKR | FGQSPVFIAATFMEQ | GGIPP | |
| Ath-A | NTKETSKQIHALE | NVDGVI | PVSNVEKRSEATQ | LKEKKFGQSPVFVA | SAVLQNGGVPR | |
| S0542 | | | | | | |
| Ath-B | HTDS.TVPVFNLD | DIIEGVEGAGFDDE | KALLMSQMSLEKRF | GQSAFVASTLMENG | GVPP | |
| Cel-A1 | KREELDAAIFNL | REIDN....YDEY | ERSMLISQTSFEK | TFLSSVFIESTLMEN | GGVAE | |
| Cel-A2 | YVKKGSAPVFDL | EEIEEGLEG.YEE | LEKSTLMSQKNFE | KRFQSPVFIASTLMEN | GGLPE | |
| D48636 | HVDS.AVPVFNLE | DIIEGVEGAGFDDE | KSLMSQMSLEKRF | GQSAFVASTLMEY | GGVPQ | |
| | | | | | | |
| | 790 | 800 | 810 | 820 | 830 | 840 |
| RSW1 | TTNPATLLKEA | IHVISCGYEDKTE | WGKEIGWIYGSVTE | DILTGFKMHARGW | ISIYCNPPR | |
| Ath-A | NASPACLLREA | IQVISCGYEDKTE | WGKEIGWIYGSVTE | DILTGFKMHCHGW | RSVYCMPCR | |
| S0542 | | | | | | |
| Ath-B | SATPENFLKEA | IHVISCGYEDKSD | WGMEIGWIYGSVTE | DILTGFKMHARGW | RSIYCMPKL | |
| Cel-A1 | SANPSTLIKEA | IHVISCGYEEKTA | WGKEIGWIYGSVTE | DILTGFKMHCRGW | RSIYCMPLR | |
| Cel-A2 | GTNSTSLIKEA | IHVISCGYEEKTE | WGKEIGWIYGSVTE | DILTGFKMHCRGW | KSVYCVPKR | |
| D48636 | SATPESLLKEA | IHVISCGYEDKTE | WGTEIGWIYGSVTE | DILTGFKMHARGW | RSIYCMPCR | |

FIGURE 9 (CONT VII)

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|---------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| | 850 | 860 | 870 | 880 | 890 | 900 |
| RSW1 | PAFKGSAPINLSDRLNQVLRWALGSIEILLSRHCPIWYG. RLRL | | | | | IAAYINTIVYP |
| Ath-A | AAFKGSAPINLSDRLHQLRWALGSVEIFLSRHCPIWYG. GLKWL | | | | | FSYINSVVYP |
| S0542 | | | | | | |
| Ath-B | PAFKGSAPINLSDRLNQVLRWALGSVEIFLSRHCPIWYG. RLKFL | | | | | RFAYVNTTIYP |
| Cel-A1 | PAFKGSAPINLSDRLHQLRWALGSVEIFLSRHCPLWYFGGRLKWL | | | | | RLAYINTIVYP |
| Cel-A2 | PAFKGSAPINLSDRLHQLRWALGSVEIFLSRHCPLWYGG. KLKWL | | | | | RLAYINTIVYP |
| D48636 | PAFKGSAPINLSDRLNQVLRWALGSVEIFLSRHCPIWYG. RLKFL | | | | | RFAYINTTIYP |
| | 910 | 920 | 930 | 940 | 950 | 960 |
| RSW1 | ITSIPLIAYCILPAFCLITDRFIIPEISNYASIWFILLFISIAVTGII | | | | | LRWSGVSIEDW |
| Ath-A | WTSLPLIVYCSLPAVCLLTGKFIVPEISNYAGILFMLMFISIAVTGII | | | | | MQWGVGIDDW |
| S0542 | | | | | | |
| Ath-B | ITSIPLLMYCTLLAVCLFTNQFIIPQISNIAFIWFLSLFSLFATGII | | | | | MRWSGVGIDEW |
| Cel-A1 | FTSLPLIAYCSLPAICLLTGKFIIPTLSNLASVFLGLFLSIIVTAVI | | | | | LRWSGVSIEDL |
| Cel-A2 | FTSIPLLAYCTIPAVCLLTGKFIIPTLSNLTSVWFLALFLSIIATGV | | | | | LRWSGVSIQDW |
| D48636 | LTSIPLLIYCVLPAICLLTGKFIIPFISNFASIFISIFATGII | | | | | MRWSGVGIDEW |

FIGURE 9 (CONT VIII)

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| | | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------|------------|--------|---------|
| | 970 | 980 | 990 | 1000 | 1010 | 1020 |
| RSW1 | WRNEQFWVIGGTS | SAHLFAVFQGLL | KVL | AGIDTNFTVT | SKATDE | DGDFAE |
| Ath-A | WRNEQFWVIGGAS | SHLFALFQGLL | KVL | AGVNTNFTVT | SKAAD | DGAFSE |
| S0542 | | | | | | |
| Ath-B | WRNEQFWVIGGVS | SAHLFAVFQGL | LKVL | AGIDTNFTVT | SKASDE | DGDFAE |
| Cel-A1 | WRNEQFWVIGGVS | SAHLFAVFQGL | KML | AGIDTNFTVT | TAKAAD | DADFGEL |
| Cel-A2 | WRNEQFWVIGGVS | SAHLFAVFQGL | LKVL | AGVDTNFTVT | TAKAAD | DTEFGEL |
| D48636 | WRNEQFWVIGGIS | SAHLFAVFQGL | LKVL | AGIDTNFTVT | SKASDE | DGDFAE |
| | 1030 | 1040 | 1050 | 1060 | 1070 | 1080 |
| RSW1 | PPTTVLLVNLIG | IVAGVSYAVNS | GYQSWG | PLFGKL | FFALWV | IAHLYP |
| Ath-A | PPTTLLIINIIG | IVGVSDAISNG | YDSWG | PLFGRL | FFALWV | IVHLYP |
| S0542 | | | | | | |
| Ath-B | PPTTLLIIVNL | VGVAGVSYAIN | SGYQSW | PLFGKL | FFAFWV | IVHLYP |
| Cel-A1 | PPTTLLIIVNM | VGVAGFSDALN | KGYEAW | GPLFGK | VFFSFV | ILHLYP |
| Cel-A2 | PPTTLLIILNM | VGVAGVSDAIN | NGYGSW | GPLFGK | LFFAFW | VILHLYP |
| D48636 | PPTTILLIINL | VGVAGISYAIN | SGYQSW | GPLFGK | LFFAFW | VIVHLYP |

FIGURE 9 (CONT IX)

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| | 1090 | 1100 | 1110 | 1120 |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|------|
| RSW1 | TIVVWSVLLASIFSL | LLWVRINPFVDANPN | NNFNGKGGVF | |
| Ath-A | TIVVWSILLASILTLL | WVRINPFVAK.GGPV | LEICGLNCGN | |
| S0542 | | | | |
| Ath-B | TIVVWSVLLASIFSL | LLWVRIDPFTSRVTG | PDILECGINC | |
| Cel-A1 | TIVVWSVLLASVFS | LVWVRINPFVSTAD | STTVSQSCISIDC | |
| Cel-A2 | TIVVWSILLASIFSL | VWVRIDPFLPKQTGP | VLKQCGVEC | |
| D48636 | TIVVWAILLASIFSL | LLWVRIDPFTTRVTG | PDQTQTCGINC | |

FIGURE 9 (CONT X)

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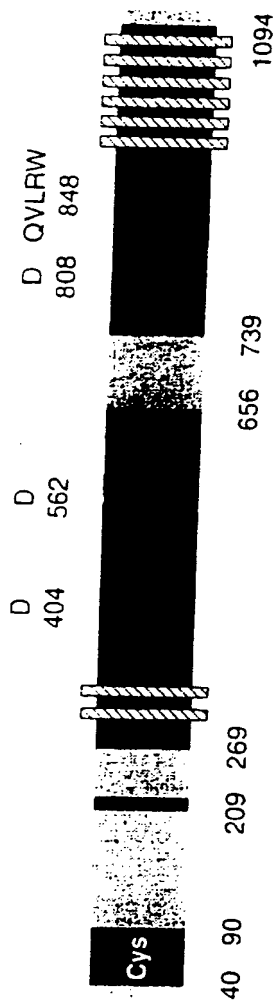
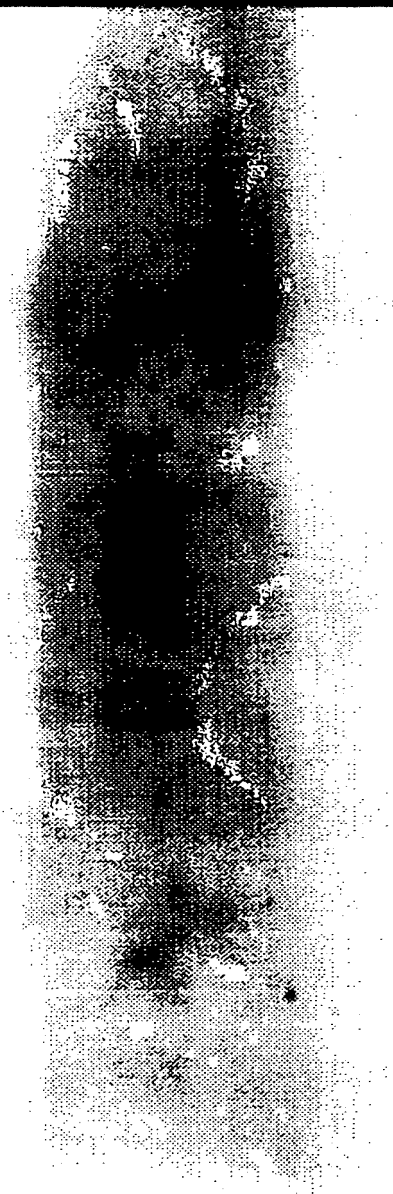


FIGURE 10



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